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EUROPEAN APPEAL MADE AGAINST INHUMAN TREATMENT IN SIBERIA

Since Czar's Manifesto of 1905 Forty Thousand Persons Have Been Sentenced in Russia for Political Offences; Three Thousand Were Executed and Ten Thousand Consigned to the Katorga; Many Refused Trials

London, Dec. 21.—An appeal on behalf of the Russian political prisoners has just been issued simultaneously in all countries of Europe. Amongst the signers to the appeal, which numbered over 500, are to be found the names of many of the more prominent leaders of European thought, and of these may be mentioned Lord Lytton, Ramsay Macdonald, M. P.; Sir A. Conan Doyle, H. G. Wells, Professor Bury, for Great Britain; Claude Debussy and M. Jaures, for France; Prof. Brentano, Prof. Haeckel and Herr Gerhart Hauptmann, for Germany; Dr. Arthur Schnitzler, for Austria, and Madame Selma Lagerlof, Sweden.

Many of the statements contained in the appeal, as to the condition of Russian prisoners, have already appeared. Since the Czar's manifesto of 1905, the appeal declares, promising liberty to the people of Russia, over 40,000 persons have been sentenced for political offences. Of these over 3,000 were executed and more than 10,000 thrown into the horrible "Katorga" or hard labor prisons.

The recent amnesty on the occasion of the tercentenary of the Romanoffs has scarcely affected the political prisoners, and their sufferings have in no way been mitigated. Under the present regime imprisonment has become from inhuman than ever. The prisons are over-crowded to such an extent that it is impossible for prisoners to find rest even on the bare floors.

Ten kopeks, twopence halfpenny, is the daily allowance for a prisoner's food, and inasmuch as a great part of this is pocketed by the various officials, a state of semi-starvations is practically the rule, and this is accompanied by the most barbarous treatment.

Most tragic, the appeal continues, is the fate of those tens of thousands of political exiles, of whom most are deported to Siberia without trial, but simply by the arbitrary action of the administration. Most of them are sent to the hungry uplands, where, unable to obtain the necessary food, clothing and housing, they perish.

The description given by George Kennan aroused a storm of resentment in Western Europe: now, after a lapse of a quarter of a century, it is face to face with still more revolting conditions. To-day, as at that time, it is not entirely a Russian domestic question. These conditions appeal to the conscience of all civilized peoples, apart from any political considerations. During the last few years a strong movement against these cruelties has arisen in Western Europe. In 1909 a committee of members of parliament and others were formed in England, and published a book entitled "The Terror in Russia," as an appeal to the British nation. In France a "League of Human and Citizen Rights" called forth a protest movement.

With the co-operation of other countries this movement has become the cause of the whole civilized world. The signatories have joined together, the appeal states in conclusion, in order to gather and publish the facts, with the object of giving to all friends of humanity and justice, without regard to differences of political views, the opportunity of forming their judgment. The intention is to appeal to the consciousness of humanity against the torture and destruction of many thousands of human lives. It is necessary to show by moral and material support that the unhappy victims in the prisons and in the bleak wastes of Siberia have the sympathy of the civilized world.

THREW RED PEPPER IN EYES OF PASTOR

Woman Becomes Frenzied While Attending Confession and Commits Assault.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—Entering the confessional of the Holy Cross church of Minneapolis under the guise of desiring to make confession, a woman Saturday night attacked Rev. Henry Jajeski, the pastor, and threw a handful of red pepper into his eyes. Physicians say the priest will not lose his sight. His glasses are given credit for blocking most of the pepper thrown by the woman.

Although overcome by the pain, Father Jajeski recognized her. The police later arrested Ann Ebradek, 2212 Marshall avenue, northeast. She had barricaded the house and was captured only after a struggle.

It is said she confessed that she had attacked Father Jajeski, but declined to discuss the affair. Father Jajeski was alone in the church, and the woman, he says, rushed in as he was leaving for the night. She asked that her confession be heard. She had just begun talking when she seemed suddenly to become frenzied and struck him in the face.

THIEF HAS PREFERENCE FOR WOMEN'S TRINKETS

Seattle Police Believe Woman Was Operating in Several Burglaries.

Seattle, Dec. 22.—That among Seattle's numerous burglaries of the present season at least one woman is operating, is the conclusion reached by the police department. Yesterday the home of A. L. Cranfield, 1711 Harvard avenue, was entered and a quantity of jewelry stolen.

Last night O. R. Taylor, of 1715 Harvard avenue, two doors from the former house, reported that his house had been burglarized and several hundreds of dollars' worth of jewelry taken.

The discovery that the thief had also stolen a pair of Mrs. Taylor's corsets, coupled with the theft of a number of strictly feminine trinkets gives rise to the suspicion in the mind of the police that the depredator is a woman, and that she momentarily at least suffered her personal weakness to rise above her discretion and thus betray her sex to the microscopic eye of the detective force.

ONE ADVENTUROUS PEER WOULD BE COOK'S BOY

London, Dec. 22.—Foster Stackhouse, who is organizing the British Antarctic expedition for next year, says sixteen peers are among the forty-eight hundred applicants for places on the expedition, one peer being so eager to join that he has offered to become cook's "boy" if there is no other position for him.

UNIONIST PARTY ON REFORMS IN TARIFF

Spectator Advises Standing by Edinburgh Compromise at Present.

London, Dec. 22.—The position of tariff reform in the Unionist party is indicated clearly in the course of articles in the Spectator and the Observer.

The Spectator, which is Unionist, but free trade, interprets Mr. Austen Chamberlain's statement at Manchester that he is a Unionist before a tariff reformer, as meaning that tariff reform should be dropped at the next general election. The Observer, which is edited by J. L. Garvin, the chief opponent of the tariff reform movement, complains that even the crowning feature of dropping the food taxes has not placated the Unionist free traders.

The Observer says: "After the Irish question shall have been settled, the issue of whether tariff reform shall be altogether dropped will arise," but meanwhile it appeals to the Spectator to advise its friends to abide quietly by the Edinburgh compromise, however unsatisfactory it may be to all sections of the countries. It vitalizes the Unionists' cause.

MRS. MORGAN SENDS OUT SPECIAL PRAYER

New York, Dec. 22.—A special prayer for those who have passed or nearly reached the allotted span of life has been sent to Rev. Earl Reiland, rector of St. George's Episcopal church, by Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, widow of the financier.

In the prayer Mrs. Morgan asks for divine help "to make the noblest use of mind and body in our advancing years," and near the close she implores aid "to take from us all fear of death and all despair of undue love of life."

Seventeen Fatalities Mark Sunday

Portsmouth Fire Loss Two Millions

ROYAL SHOPPERS ARE BUYING SIMPLE GIFTS

London, Dec. 22.—Never have there been such a lot of royal shoppers in London as last week, including the queen, the Prince of Wales, Princess Mary, who shopped for the first time alone; Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria Louise, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught and King Manuel, his wife and Queen Amelia. All of them apparently enjoyed the bustle of a record Christmas trade. The royal presents were simple and mostly personal trinkets bearing the donor's initials.

QUARREL ON SUFFRAGE IN PANKHURST FAMILY

Chrystobel Disagrees With Sylvia's Plans and Withholds the Money.

London, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, left London yesterday for Paris on the way to Switzerland to recuperate from her weakness brought about by hunger and thirst strike in Holloway jail, from which she was released on December 17. Her departure was not accompanied by any of the usual demonstrations.

Rumors were in circulation to-day that relations were strained between Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and Miss Chrystobel Pankhurst, the two daughters of the militant leader, in consequence of Miss Sylvia's determination to concentrate her campaign in the East End of London, and efforts to co-operate with members of the Labor party. Miss Chrystobel disapproved of this scheme and is said to be withholding funds.

RED AND BLACK GIRLS CHARGED WITH ARSON

Militants Refuse to Give Their Names; Are Barefooted in Court.

Cheltenham, Eng., Dec. 22.—"Miss Red" and "Miss Black," members of a militant suffragette arson squad, who had eluded the police on many occasions, were brought up in the police court here to-day on a charge of setting fire to Alstone Lawn, a large mansion on the outskirts of this city.

The two, who have been rechristened for police court purposes because they refused to reveal their names, were seen in the neighborhood of the burned building. When arrested their stockings were found to be soaked with kerosene, which had overflowed from the cans they had emptied on the woodwork of the mansion. They appeared in the prisoners' enclosure barefooted.

The accused were remanded for further examination.

RESIDED IN LONDON HOTEL, BILL UNPAID

London, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Sheridan Bitt Read, of New York, widow of former American consul at Tien Tsin, China, was charged to-day at Bow street police court with obtaining credit from a London hotel on false pretences. The amount involved was $40.

The magistrate ordered the defendant remanded for a week and admitted her to bail on surety of $250.

TO VISIT RIDEAU HALL.

London, Dec. 22.—Miss Muriel Wilson, one of the most brilliant and handsome women in London society, will visit their royal highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, at Rideau hall, Ottawa, early in the new year.

DISPATCHES FROM FAR AND NEAR REPORT DEATHS OF TWENTY-ONE

Famous Dock-yard Burnt in England; Virginia Vaugn Aged 81 Killed by Street Car; Tragedies Caused by Many Things Comprise Grim List for Sunday Told by Telegraph Wires

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 22.—A fire involving damage estimated at about $2,000,000 devastated the famous dock-yard here Saturday night, and resulted in the loss of two lives and the destruction of the century-old semaphore tower, which, in pre-telegraph days was the great signalling station between the fleet and the admiralty. An examination of the ruins disclosed the fact that two of the three signal men who had remained in the tower to summon help were burned to death.

It is not known how the fire started. When it was first observed from the deck of the new battle cruiser Queen Mary, it had already obtained a good hold on the inflammable material. The flames were extinguished at 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

The huge wooden semaphore was ablaze half an hour after the outbreak. Fire parties were sent to the dock-yard from all the warships in the harbor, and the Queen Mary, on which burning brands were falling, was towed out of the danger zone. Many valuable models of old warships, records relating to Nelson and earlier periods and old naval relics were destroyed.

Miss Vaughn Killed.

New York, Dec. 22.—Virginia Vaughn, writer of lyrics and poems, translator and friend of Nathaniel Hawthorne, the Brownings and other authors of the last half-century, was killed by a street car on Eighth avenue yesterday. Miss Vaughn was the daughter of John Champion Vaughn, an abolitionist who published anti-slavery newspapers at Cincinnati and Cleveland. She was 81 years old.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 22.—Robert Stanley Shaidle, the three-year-old son of Joseph Shaidle, was accidentally strangled yesterday. The lad was found hanging over the foot of a bed with a strap around his neck.

Hibbing, Minn., Dec. 22.—Three children were burned to death yesterday at a fire on Penobscot Hill, which destroyed the home of Joseph Jovovanovich. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

Leaps From Train.

New York, Dec. 22.—Pursued by a hundred passengers through seven cars of a subway train in Brooklyn last night, a youth suspected of being a pickpocket, leaped from the front platform as he was about to be seized, and was crushed to death against a tunnel pillar. The victim was identified through finger-prints at police headquarters, according to detectives, as Solomon Furst, 19 years old, who some months ago served a term in the city reformatory.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Believing that Mrs. Rosalina Leclaire, 25 years old, attempted suicide last night by inhaling gas, the police are seeking a man to whom the woman wrote and then partially destroyed the letter, in which she stated "My dear, I love you. I die for you."

Perish in Canal.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 22.—Pushing a trap boat across the thin ice on the Rideau canal, near here, cost the lives yesterday afternoon of two men, George Anderson, 45 years old, and Russell Weir, aged 21, both living at Cushendall. Charles Gray, 25 years of age, had a very narrow escape. Anderson's body has been recovered and search is being continued for that of Weir.

London, Dec. 22.—Robert Bertram Slack, an English aviator, was killed in an automobile accident between London and St. Albans yesterday.

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 22.—With his chest crushed in through colliding with a rig while riding a motorcycle at full speed, Harry A. Woolsey died yesterday.

Newport, Ore., Dec. 21. — Robert Wylie, about 22 years old and an eighth blood Indian, was shot dead by Vincent Wantag, 19 years old, in a fight one mile above Siletz agency, at an early hour yesterday. Wantag escaped after the shooting and Sheriff Geer is hunting him. Both men lived on the reservation.

Aged Man Murdered.

Fort Plain, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Posses of deputy sheriffs and citizens with bloodhounds, are searching the countryside for the man or men who, early yesterday, murdered John Barret, aged 60, at his home near here, after beating his daughter, Katherine, 20 years old, into insensibility. The father was slain when he went to the aid of his daughter. A considerable sum of money, hidden behind a wall panel, was not discovered by the men.

Blairsville, Pa., Dec. 22.—What is believed to have been an attempt to assassinate Rev. R. E. McClure, pastor of the Blairsville United Presbyterian church, and president of the Indiana County Anti-Saloon league, failed last night when a bullet fired at the minister penetrated a Bible which he carried under his arm and made a slight abrasion upon his left side.

Welland, Ont., Dec. 22.—Fred Dunn, a Wabash fireman, 25 years old, of St. Thomas, was killed here yesterday. He fell off an engine and was struck by an incoming train.

Tragedy at Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 22.—S. R. Jackson, a business man of Centralia, Wash., shot and killed Arthur Ansler, 22 years old, a bartender, in a hotel room in this city at an early hour yesterday. After the shooting Jackson fled in a taxicab to South Tacoma, where he planned to take a train for home, but on arriving at the station the chauffeur persuaded the fugitive to return to the city and surrender himself to the police.

According to the story told to the police, Jackson was a guest of Floyd Henton and wife in their rooms at the hotel. They had been drinking and Jackson was preparing to leave when Henton and his wife became engaged in an altercation. The woman's screams brought Ansler, who occupied a room nearby, to the door.

He is alleged to have declared he could whip any man who would mistreat a woman, and started for Jackson. The latter drew his revolver and warned him away, but unheeding, Ansler grappled with him and threw him to the floor. Jackson then fired, shooting Ansler through the heart.

Youth Kills Another.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Need of money to buy a Christmas present for his sweetheart, Charlotte Treadway, of Nordhoff, Cal., is the reason Louis Bundy, 19 years old, is said to have given the police for having murdered Harold Ziesche, a drug store messenger, who he lured to a lonely spot Saturday night and murdered.

He sent to the drug store where Ziesche was employed, a telephone order asking that Ziesche be given change for $20, as he had only a $20 gold piece in his pocket. He had to kill Ziesche when he robbed him, so Bundy's confession to the police runs, for Ziesche knew him and would have caused his arrest. Accordingly Bundy beat him over the head with a pick-handle, dragged the body to a ravine and struck the messenger again with a rock.

Bundy had hardly gone a dozen yards from the scene when he dropped the purse he took from his victim. He did not dare go back for it.

Sea Claims Its Toll.

Rawlins, Wyo., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed and other passengers slightly injured last night in a head-on collision near Black Buttes, Wyo., early to-day. The dead are Thomas Moore, Rawlins, fireman, and F. C. Kress, train electrician, of Omaha. The wreck occurred in a dense fog.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—The Nova Scotian schooner John Parker, from Barbadoes, arrived here yesterday with her flag at half-mast for the loss of her captain, James Richards, of LaHavle, who was swept overboard and drowned during the passage. Captain Richards leaves a widow and fourteen children.

ONE MILLION AND HALF CHRISTMAS LETTERS ARRIVE AT MONTREAL FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Over a million and a half letters were received from Great Britain and handled at the local post office during Saturday and Sunday. They were brought by five steamers, in 839 sacks, weighing about 50,340 pounds. Besides this big letter-bag for Montreal the local post office forwarded yesterday two carloads of British mail for Toronto and western points.

Two shipments of mail were received Saturday, consisting of 137 sacks from the Corsican at St. John and 369 were brought to New York by the St. Louis. Nearly all of this mail was sorted and delivered in the city on Saturday.

Yesterday 217 sacks were brought from St. John, having arrived by the Empress of Britain. During the evening two other shipments were received, 77 sacks coming chiefly from France and other European points on the steamer Provence to New York and nine sacks by the America, also arriving at New York, and from there sent on to this city by train.

MEXICAN BANK IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Federals Win Victories at Pacific Towns of Tepic and Mazatlan

GENERAL VILLA RETAINS FULL CONTROL IN NORTH

Telegraph Restoration Aids in Uniting Forces Opposing Huerta

MONTEREY CITY IS NOW SCENE OF DESOLATION

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—The Bank of London and Mexico closed its doors to-day.

The bank was unable to get currency with which to pay depositors and therefore was forced to suspend. Bankers here generally agree with the management of the Bank of London and Mexico in the opinion that the institution is solvent and the closing may be only temporary. The bank is believed to have excellent collateral.

To-day's suspension was not due to lack of assets but to the scarcity of currency. Silver and gold have both long been scarce in the country and recently state bank bills have been refused, excepting in the states where they were issued.

The London and Mexico bank has been embarrassed more than have other concerns because it has for a long time been accepting deposits while the others have been refusing them.

The depositing public, made nervous by the general banking outlook, began on Wednesday last to withdraw money.

New York, Dec. 22.—According to New York bankers, the business of the Bank of London and Mexico was chiefly of a commercial character. It did not represent the Mexican government in the matter of loans to any great extent. It was rated as the second largest institution of the republic, however, having, according to latest available reports, held about $30,000,000 in deposits. Its capital was about $22,000,000 and its surplus and profit accounts $16,000,000.

Federal successes at Tepic and Mazatlan, on the Pacific coast of Mexico, are reported in official advices received here to-day. The rebels are said to have been punished severely in a fight with the federal troops eight miles from Tepic, the capital of the territory of the same name, while the federal forces which had been besieged at Mazatlan for many weeks are said to have assumed the aggressive and to be forcing the rebels back toward Culiacan, capital of the state of Sinaloa.

Chihuahua, Dec. 22.—Rebel control of telegraph and railway communication, southwest of Chihuahua to-day had reached a point where General Villa believed he would be impervious to any attack by the few federal troops remaining in the north. As the cities in the rebel territory are opened to communication General Villa believes the rebel forces are becoming more closely united and that soon the states of Sonora, Sinaloa, Durango and Chihuahua will be free from federal control.

Although 4,000 federals at Ojinaga, on the border, were reported to be preparing for action, General Villa believed that they would be unable to do more than destroy the railroads in a campaign of guerilla warfare. Villa said Chihuahua was too well fortified to fear an attack.

The report that General Mercado had fled across the border was regarded as the beginning of the breaking up of the federal troops.

This city, next to Monterey, the most important in the north, is a scene of desolation, occasioned by its long siege and its subsequent sacking by the rebels. No other large city in Mexico is more destitute.

FIRE IN TANNERY.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 22. — A fire broke out at the Briethaupt tannery this morning, resulting in a loss estimated at about $80,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES PAID $2,506,219 IN DIVIDENDS DURING THE PRESENT YEAR

Spokane, Dec. 22.—Surpassing all previous records and eclipsing the 1912 mark by $2,569,366, the profit-earning mines within a radius of 300 miles this year have paid $6,456,154 in dividends, bringing the grand total for fifteen companies represented, to $48,259,138 since disbursements inaugurated.

This includes only actual dividends and does not embrace net earnings. Segregated into districts the Coeur d'Alene region takes place of honor, its seven companies being credited with $3,894,835 for the year. British Columbia next, with six companies, apportioned $2,506,219; Alberta one, the International Coal & Coke with $120,000.

The Hercules Company, operating near Wallace, leads the list with $1,500,000, as against $600,000 in 1912.

Stewart added $402,435 to the year's total, Granby, which resumed disbursements in February, contributed $899,911; International Coal & Coke, $120,000; Standard Silver Lead added $50,000; Hedley, an extra dividend of $1 a share, or $120,000, in addition to four quarterly disbursements of $60,000.

Canada Consolidated doubled its payments, Hecla paying $20,000, British Columbia Copper cut its dividends in half.

CALGARY PLANS TO REDUCE MEAT BILL

Latest Venture in Public Ownership by Alberta City to Cost $125,000

MUNICIPAL ABATTOIR WILL BE CONSTRUCTED

Women's Organization Started Agitation on High Cost of Living

CONSUMER HOPES TO GET SHARE IN THE PROFITS

Calgary, Dec. 22.—A municipal abattoir to be erected at a cost of $125,000 is the latest venture in public ownership to be attempted in this city. The citizens recently voted the sum of $250,000 to be expended for the purchase of land for union stockyards and kindred industries. All the large packing plants will locate in the neighborhood of the yards which is contiguous to the transcontinental roads which operate into Calgary.

The decision to establish the abattoir has come as a result of the agitation against the high cost of living by the consumers' league, an organization of women, and other bodies. It has been felt for a long time that the big packing houses have been making an exorbitant profit, and that the farmer and consumer have been getting the worst of the bargain.

The formation of the consumers' league resulted in the successful operation of a public market and a marked downward trend in prices of foodstuffs.

In order to get at the meat problem properly it was decided that the establishment of a public abattoir was necessary. The small butchers in Calgary have been constantly complaining that they cannot get a chance to compete with the packer with his chain of retail stores. The city eventually decided to step in and erect a public abattoir, and an expert, William R. Perrin, of Chicago, was brought in to advise on the matter.

His advice to the city coincided with the desire of the small butchers, being to the effect that it would be best to permit the butchers to do their own killing, each using a small portion of the city's plant, and paying a small fee for the privilege.

In this way the butcher will be able to buy his cattle on the open market, drive it to the abattoir and kill it. The result is expected to show a marked decline in the price of meats in the city of Calgary.

OTHERS WILL FOLLOW THE TELEPHONE LEAD

President Wilson Says Trusts Will Conform With Sherman Law Without Pressure.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—President Wilson let it be known to-day that some other corporations besides the American Telephone & Telegraph Company had shown a disposition to take the initiative in reorganizations to conform with the Sherman anti-trust law. President Wilson looked as well as ever when he met the Washington correspondents at a regular Monday morning conference to-day, for the first time in several weeks.

Seattle won a victory in the Supreme court to-day when Justice Holmes announced dismissal of the appeal of the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railroad Company from a decision of the state Supreme court, requiring the company to issue transfers to the Seattle Electric Company on a 50-per cent. basis.

WHEAT PRODUCTION OF NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

Commissioner Advised That 3,569,000,000 Bushels Were Produced This Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A cablegram received by Mr. Doherty, commissioner of trade in Canada from the International Agricultural Institute gives the total production of wheat in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Hungary, Italy, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Roumania, Russian Empire, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Algeria and Tunis as 3,569,000,000 bushels, or 108.9 per cent. of the production of the same countries last year.

The production of rye is, in fifteen countries, 1,828,000,000 bushels, or 99 per cent. of that of the same countries last year. Barley in nineteen countries, 1,524,000,000 or 107.7 per cent.; oats in nineteen countries, 4,302,000,000 or 107.7 per cent.; corn in twelve countries, 3,044,000,000, or 82 per cent.; sugar beets in twelve countries, 102.5 per cent. of last year; cleaned cotton in United States, India, Japan and Egypt, 102.1 per cent.

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ERUPTION OF AMBRIM WAS AWE-INSPIRING

Steamers Reaching Sydney Tell of Disaster in the Hebrides Group

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 22.—Incoming steamers bring details of the recent volcanic eruptions on the island of Ambrim, in the New Hebrides group, in which 500 natives lost their lives. Witnesses of the disturbance describe it as having been so sudden and violent that they expected to see the western side of the island disappear.

With a terrific roar, which was followed by a rapid succession of artillery-like detonations, all the craters of the volcano entered into full activity, spouting flames and lava, and throwing out huge boulders. Great streams of lava began rushing down the slopes, cutting off the villages from escape.

In one instance two torrents of the molten mass joined, creating an island of one section of a village. Fifty or sixty persons perished at this point.

The scenes of the volcano at night were awe-inspiring. Flames shot into the air to a height of a thousand feet, illuminating the entire scene of destruction. The ocean seemed to boil. Huge superheated masses of stone fell into the sea and streams of lava poured into the bay. Dust from the craters gradually formed a black cloud which blotted out the light of the stars.

After the eruption the bay was filled with dead fish and large numbers of dead turtles. The water in the river was hot.

The British hospital buildings were wiped out of existence, but previous to their destruction the physicians removed the patients to a launch and escaped with them.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF CANADIAN GOODS

Imports From Dominion by Commonwealth in 1912 Were Million Sterling

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—D. H. Ross, Canadian trade commissioner at Melbourne, has sent to the department of trade and commerce a lengthy statement of the trade of the Australian Commonwealth, with particular reference to the imports from Canada. On the whole these continue to be satisfactory from the Canadian standpoint. The value of merchandise imported by Australia in 1912 was £78,158,600, showing the remarkable expansion of £11,485,453 over the year 1911.

The direct imports from Canada in 112 were £1,084,023, of which £977,075 was of Canadian origin. In the same period imports from the United States were valued at £10,764,257, of which £9,449,553 were shipped direct from United States ports.

Despite the marked contrast of £84,143 in 1912, the value of the total Australian importations of agricultural machinery, as compared with 1911, says Mr. Ross, it is safe to observe that the decrease in value from Canada is represented by modest figures.

While imports from the United Kingdom showed an increase of £160,671, the principal decreases were attributed to Canada to the extent of £19,914, and the United States £97,490.

Canada continues to maintain the promising position in the export of agricultural implements and machinery trade of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Ross reports, however, that in Australia the manufacture of agricultural machinery constitutes one of the most important industries. Factories are established in all the states, but the most extensive plants are in Melbourne. The government of Western Australia has now in operation near Perth a state implement factory from which any farmer can obtain supplies. With the exception of the reapers, binders, mowers and rakes, the class of machinery produced in Australian factories is similar to that imported from overseas. Second in value in Canadian exports to Australia is the item of paper, of which practically the whole is print paper.

The total imports in 1912 were valued at £906,431, an increase of £180,016 over 1911, and also constituted record figures. The increase in the value of the imports from Canada was £45,970, but the total of £179,173 in 1912 compares with £189,791 in 1908, which demonstrates that despite increased production in the Dominion, other paper-producing countries are obtaining a stronger hold on the Australian markets.

The total imports of lumber into Australia in 1912 were valued at £2,852,623, an increase of £64,641 over 1911. The decrease in the imports from Canada to the extent of £50,546 is attributed to a curtailment in shipment of Douglas fir in British Columbia.

EMPEROR MENELIK

ABYSSINIAN RULER IS AGAIN REPORTED DEAD

As on the Other Six Occasions Confirmation of Menelik's Demise is Lacking.

Rome, Dec. 22.—Emperior Menelik, of Abyssinia, is again reported dead. His death is said to have occurred on December 12, and the report has been confirmed by dispatches received here from Addis Abebe, the Abyssinian capital. The confirmation, however, is not official, which may be due to the necessity of precautions being taken to insure the succession to the throne by the prince.

This is the seventh time in about as many years that Emperor Menelik has been reported dead. The same reason for lack of confirmation has been given several times. On the last occasion the prince was said to be marching with troops on an entry to the capital.

PLAN NEW LONDON BRIDGES.

London, Dec. 22.—London is to have five new bridges if Mr. Burns's latest scheme ever matures. Two centuries ago the city had but one, and the proposal of a second at Westminster was violently opposed by the watermen, who foresaw the destruction of the ferries between the Temple and Vauxhall. The prejudice against the new bridge was so strong that in the act authorizing its construction there was inserted a clause whereby any one wilfully damaging it should suffer death.

ABLE TO ISOLATE MICROBE OF CANCER

Prof. Bosc, of Montpelier, Announces Result of Long Experiment.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Fresh interest in the experiments of Dr. Bosc, professor of pathological anatomy at the university of Montpelier, regarding cancer, was aroused this week by the announcement that he had isolated the microbe of the disease. It is said to be of the protozoa type and to be found principally in water.

Prof. Bosc is understood to have announced that he has traced a number of cases to insect bites and to pricks of fishbones. He also has found intestinal cancer prevalent in villages where snails are eaten in large quantities.

Prof. Bosc, who has studied cancerous tumors for more than 20 years, has observed that when such tumors were scraped and the results of the scraping placed in a culture of incompletely coagulated blood infinitely small microbes belonging to the protozoa group were visible after 15 to 50 days.

To these Prof. Bosc attributes the property of engendering cancer, but he has not yet made inoculation experiments which would prove his belief. This parasite, he says, excites the cells of the organism and makes them proliferate with morbid rapidity and causes them to lose their form and function and turns them to the profit of the parasite. Hence the immense proliferation constituted by the tumor may be considered as the organism's mode of defence, searching by the aid of this proliferation to inclose the parasite which produced it, but owing to the emigration throughout the organism of the cells of the tumor, which carry the parasite along with them, the proliferation is manifested successively in every organ and the organism dies from the generalization of a method of defence which if utilized only in one place would have been excellent.

These protozoa are found especially in water, particularly in stagnant water. Many insects and fish carry them. Cancer is very common in villages bordering on rivers. Dr. Bosc cites one case of cancer of the tongue which developed where a trout bone had penetrated and remained. He cites a case of cancer of the jaw which developed exactly where an insect had stung the person.

HEIR TO GREAT FORTUNE HAS ONE MONTH IN JAIL

Cannot Be Disinherited and Declined Income of Thirty Thousand Per Year.

Muelheim - An - Der-Ruhr, Germany, Dec. 22.—August Thyssen, jr., son of the great mine owner and manufacturer and heir to one of the greatest fortunes in the world, was sentenced Saturday to a month in jail for libelling the director of his father's firm. The elder August Thyssen employs nearly 20,000 workmen, and is the owner of iron works and great stretches of mining properties. Father and son have been estranged for a long time owing to the spendthrift character of the son, who was brought up in the Berlin bankruptcy court two years ago with debts said to aggregate $4,000,000. In February this year he rejected an offer from his father of $30,000 a year to renounce his rights of inheritance. He cannot be disinherited owing to the existence of a deed establishing his rights.

EIGHTY THOUSAND LOSS IN RAILWAY TRAIN FIRE

Passengers on Canadian Northern Express Escape Uninjured at Lorrette.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Five passenger coaches and one baggage car were destroyed with a loss of $80,000, yet no one was injured when the C. N. R. express No. 1, was wrecked at Lorrette, eighteen miles east of Winnipeg at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The train was one hour late, and was running at thirty-five miles an hour when a broken rail was struck, the engine and six cars going off the track.

In some way the gas exploded in the cars, and they were soon a mass of flames. Long before this, however, the passengers had all left the cars.

Among the passengers was J. R. Cameron, assistant-general manager, in his private car.

A relief train was sent out from Winnipeg, which with a chemical engine of the city fire brigade extinguished the flames and cleared the line.

PLANTA CANDIDATE IN NANAIMO FOR MAYOR

Shaw Withdraws and Agrees to Lend Aid in Election of Predecessor.

Nanaimo, Dec. 22.—In response to the desire of a number of ratepayers, voiced at several meetings held during the past week, ex-Mayor A. Planta has consented to come forward once again as a candidate for the mayoralty of Nanaimo.

The present mayor, John Shaw, was the nominee at the first meeting held to consider the selection of candidates, but after consideration, his worship came to the conclusion that a three-cornered contest might result from his candidacy, and he decided not to stand. He announces that he is now willing to give his whole-hearted support to the candidature of Mr. Planta.

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HUNGRY AT PORTLAND STORM RESTAURANTS

Fourteen in One Band Get Meals; Police Summoned to Eject Others.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—Two restaurants were stormed yesterday by gangs of men led by I. W. W. leaders, who announced they were without money and must be fed.

In the first case, fourteen men, led by C. F. Howard, marched into a cafeteria, ate a substantial meal and then announced they could not pay. The manager hailed a passing policeman and the crowd scattered and ran. The officer caught and arrested Howard and two others, who were locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Late this evening forty men walked into a Washington street restaurant and demanded to be served, saying: "Mayor Albee will pay for it." Twenty police reserves were summoned and after a stormy scene the men were ejected. No one was arrested. The men threatened to repeat their exploits at other places and police guards are posted at many restaurants.

SHILOH CURES COUGHS & COLDS

WILL FIRE ON SHIPS WITH WAR MUNITIONS

Constitutionalist Agent to Notify Lloyds' Company of Insurance Risk

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Roberto Pesquiera, confidential agent here of the Mexican constitutionalists, has instructed the agent of the party in London, Miguel Corrvarubias, formerly Mexican minister to Russia, to advise Lloyd's agency that steamers of any nationality carrying munitions of war contracted for by the Mexican government will be fired on by the Mexican constitutionalists. The agency here declined to say whether the constitutionalists expected to purchase any ships for the purpose of blockading ports held by the federals, but it was made plain that artillery and land forces would not hesitate hereafter to fire on foreign ships if they carried arms for the Huerta government.

This course, according to the constitutionalists here, would be justified under international law. They say they intend their caution chiefly for shipments that might come to the Pacific coast, where they are better able to prevent landing of arms.

International complications are likely to arise if constitutionalists open with their artillery upon foreign ships, but as there seems no immediate possibility of such a contingency, officials displayed little interest in the subject.

Tokio, Dec. 21.—The arsenal at Tokio is manufacturing arms ordered by the Mexican government and which it is expected will be shipped soon. Japanese officials explain that this is merely a matter of business, and is not indicative of any unfriendliness to the United States.

TORONTO TO WINNIPEG BY CANADIAN NORTHERN

Coast to Coast Trains in Less Than Nine Months Says Sir William Mackenzie.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—"On January 2 I am going to leave Toronto for Winnipeg and I hope to go all the way on the Canadian Northern and make the trip in less than 48 hours." This was the statement of Sir William Mackenzie when asked about the closing of the last gap between Sudbury and Port Arthur.

"And in a very short time after that we will begin a freight service between the cities. It may be only one train each week for a start, but it will soon be a train a day and then more, and that will put us in the transcontinental game. In less than nine months I hope to be able to go over our own rails to Vancouver. We will then have a Vancouver to Toronto and a Vancouver to Quebec (via Ottawa and Montreal) service for freight and passengers and everything else."

EMIGRATION IS MANIA IN ENGLISH COUNTIES

London, Dec. 22.—England faces a rather perplexing problem which the board calls the emigration mania.

Correspondents in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Devonshire, Cornwall, Somersetshire, Wiltshire and Hampshire blame the insurance act. Eleven out of every twenty-one men in every one troop of yeomanry in Yorkshire are now in Canada. A Truro correspondent writes of 250 cases in Cornwall in six weeks, and some hundreds from North Devon are going in the springtime. From Dorset, over 200 have gone to Canada in a year. From the Canterbury district in Kent almost 300 people have gone.

EXPRESS CAR ON FIRE $75,000 DAMAGE DONE

New London, Conn., Dec. 22.—An express car, heavily laden with Christmas packages, caught fire while passing through East Lynne on Saturday. The express messenger was driven to the outside of the car, where he clung, unable to notify the engineer, and near collapse until the train reached the New Haven railroad station here. Practically all the merchandise in the car was damaged. The loss is estimated at $75,000. A coffin within the car, containing the body of David Lonergan, of New York, was charred badly.

PEOPLE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST APPENDICITIS

Victoria people who have stomach and bowel trouble should guard against appendicitis by taking simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-i-ka, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. JUST ONE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY because this simple mixture draws off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body. Hall & Co., corner Douglas and Yates Street.

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Satin Border Ninon Scarves, with gilt spots and designs, in colors of cerise and amethyst only. Regular $2.75, for.....90¢
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Infants' Infantees, in fine quality angora wool, at, pair....$1.00
Infants' Wool and Silk Bootees, including Jaeger's make, pair, 75c, 50c, 40c and .....25¢
Baby Slippers, in satin, kid and suede, dainty colors, pink, sky, white, tan, red, etc. Pair, 90c, 50c and .....40¢
Baby Bibs and Feeders, dozens of styles, from $1.75 to.....10¢ Very pretty styles at 25c to .....75¢
Baby Hair Brushes, pink, white and sky, xylonite, 50c and..35¢
Babies' Puffs and Powder Boxes, complete, 50c and.....70¢
Babies' Woollen Pants and Overalls, soft white wool, different designs, 90c, 75c and .....60¢
Woollen and Stockinette Gaiters, cardinal or white, 50c and 35¢
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Infants' Long Day Dresses, in dainty fine lawns, muslins and nainsook with fine laces and embroidery; from $10.00 down to $1.25
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Babies' White Soft Silk Frocks, $3.25 to $1.75
Babies' Cream Soft Wool Cashmere Frocks, $2.75 to.....$1.50
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GIRL DIES JUST AS ASSISTANCE ARRIVES

Mysterious Disappearance at Toronto is Cleared but Cause is Unexplained

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Anna Jokinson, the Finnish girl who mysteriously disappeared December 4 while walking in the northern part of the city, was found yesterday. She was lying in an unconscious condition at Forest road. The girl was breathing when she was found by John Dew, but was dead when Dr. Pond reached the spot, never regaining consciousness.

The circumstances surrounding the disappearance, finding and death of the girl, furnish a mystery. There were no marks of violence. When Mr. Dew returned to the field in which the body was found, after summoning the physician, he found that a hole had been made in a corn stack nearby large enough to accommodate a person and the girl's hat and gloves were lying inside. There was no indication, however, of a struggle.

The girl's disappearance had caused grave alarm to her friends. A local Finnish society recently offered a reward of $500 for any information as to her whereabouts.

UTILITY BIRDS SHOWN AT GANGES HARBOR

Poultry Show Comprised Two Hundred Exhibts and Was Very Successful.

Salt Spring Island, Dec. 20.—On December 18 the first annual show of the Salt Spring Island Poultry Association was held at Ganges Harbor. The committee, of which the Rev. G. W. Dean is president and W. Harvey secretary, have every reason to be gratified with the success of the show. The entries numbered close upon 200. Utility birds seemed to be more in favor than the show type. White Leghorns and Buff Orpingtons came in for the largest number of entries. There was also a good showing of White Wyandottes.

In addition to the poultry section there was quite a good selection of ducks, geese and turkeys.

E Greenwood, of Victoria, undertook the judging.

During the afternoon in the Mahon hall a Christmas tree party was given to the children by the Sunshine Guild under the supervision of Mrs. Norman Wilson.

In the evening a dance was held, the proceeds of which were devoted to the poultry association.

LAST THREE DAYS

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TOY SET—Pretty Toy Set, consisting of table and two chairs, strongly made, finished in a nice red enamel. Sale Price is $3.15

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FORECASTERS ARE BUSY WITH THE "HONORS" LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—It is believed at the capital that there is more than gossip to support the prediction that those upon whom the sunshine of equal favor will break on New Year's morning will include R. W. Leonard, chairman of the Transcontinental railway commission; H. L. Drayton, chairman of the Dominion railway commission; H. C. Vincent Meredith, the new president of the Bank of Montreal; David McNicoll, of the C. P. R., and several members of the judiciary.

Minor honors will as usual be conferred on some prominent members of the civil service, and there is the likelihood that Canadians prominent in art, education and literature will be similarly recognized. The prime minister would be knighted if he would accept the honor, but there is nothing to show that he would do so.

HON. FRANK COCHRANE RETURNS TO OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, who has been in the south for several weeks for the benefit of his health, has returned to the capital. He is greatly improved, and hopes to be able to make a trip of inspection over the I. C. R. lines during the holidays. Unless the state of his health should become worse than it has been he will not retire from the cabinet or accept a less burdensome position.

MISS FOOTE WILL LEAD CALGARY SCHOOL BOARD

Calgary, Dec. 22.—That the honor of the chairmanship of the Calgary board of education will this year fall to a woman is the consensus of opinion in school circles in this city. Miss Foote, who came out at the head of the poll in the recent elections is slated for the position, and it is thought that a majority of the members of the board will vote for her.

Miss Foot is the first woman ever elected to public office in Calgary, and members of the board declare it would be a fine tribute to her to place her at its head. Miss Foote's experience will qualify her in every way for the work, as she has seventeen years' teaching experience in Calgary and the west.

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OUR PERIPATETIC MINISTER.

Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is about to make another trip, this time to England. He will be away while parliament is in session; he was in the Antipodes during the greater part of last session. Apparently the foregathering of our national legislators is the cue for the minister to start a-packing. Though accomplishing little, he is having a good time. The apostle of retrenchment of other days; the rigid scrutineer of other people's travelling accounts; the uncompromising critic of transcontinental and transoceanic jaunts when taken by Liberal ministers, now ranges in state to the four quarters of the globe—at the public expense.

Some of our eastern contemporaries suggest that the minister's colleagues send him forth when parliament meets to get him out of the way. His past is constantly rising in judgment against them. A free trader and protectionist; a Canadian navy man and an anti-Canadian navy man; the champion of economy in theory and the spendthrift in practice, his record confronts Mr. Borden and his hapless band every move they make. And yet when they let him go it is at a sacrifice. He and young Arthur Meighen are the only men who can put up anything like a fight in the face of the most formidable opposition Ottawa has ever seen, and Meighen lacks experience. The others simply hide their heads in their mantles.

Mr. Foster's friends, however, advance a different theory. They say he delights to make evangelical imperializing tours when the House is in session to show how absolutely helpless his colleagues are without him. He bitterly resented the appointment of Mr. White as finance minister, the post he himself had held in the ministries of Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Thompson, Sir John Abbott, Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper. In those days Mr. White was a rabid Grit; he was one in fact until two years ago. It was a bitter dose for Mr. Foster to swallow when all the good positions were handed to tyros like White, Rogers, Pelletier, Hazen and Reid by a prime minister who himself was a Liberal in the days when he, George Eulas Foster, was bearing the brunt of the battles of Torylsm. If it was vengeance he was looking for, he had it last session. He made one big speech for his party in the House, his speech in the navil aid bill, in which he unsaid everything he had said just as eloquently and convincingly in favor of a Canadian navy three years before, then packed his grip and sailed for Australia. And in his absence his party was like a ship without a rudder and was forced to sneak behind the snug shelter of the closure.

But there is no occasion for Mr. Foster to neglect the business of his department, relatively unimportant though it is, and the affairs of parliament when the session is in progress. The Imperial Trade Commission, of which he is a member, is the product of a resolution moved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the last Imperial Conference. The late government had appointed a prominent business man of Toronto, P. C. Larkin, as Canada's representative on that body, but the appointment was cancelled when Mr. Borden assumed office and that of Mr. Foster substituted. Sir Wilfrid took the view that our own problems were pressing enough to require the presence of our ministers in this country. Those problems are more formidable than ever. Mr. Foster should swallow his pride and stay at home. The government needs every ounce of ability it can scare up to meet the difficult situation which now confronts it.

AGENT-GENERAL'S PALACE.

The provincial government is going to spend five hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the erection of a building in London. That is the estimated cost of the structure and site, but it may be a great deal more. The common experience is that works of this kind usually largely exceed the estimates. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been paid for a ninety-nine-year lease of the site for the building. The structure itself will cost three hundred thousand dollars. The question is, can the expediture of such a vast sum, particularly at this time or at any time, be justified? The government has just been compelled to pledge anticipated revenue in order to raise a million and a half to meet current expenditures, yet it is going to erect a building in London that it can have no particular use for, certainly no use commensurate with such a large outlay. What is the nature of the provincial business transacted by our agent-general that he should be provided with a palace wherein to carry on that business? Is the position of British Columbia so outstanding amongst the other eight provinces of the Dominion that she should incur such a heavy liability in comparison with them to maintain the dignity of her agenty-general? Or is this proposition just a sample of the wanton extravagance that has been characteristic of the McBride government of late years? Does the erection of this palace portend a corresponding increase in the stipend of the agent-general, with the possible translation of a leading member of the government to the position?

THEY HAVE A KICK.

We do not see what the United States government can be expected to do in regard to the order-in-council. Surely it will not be contended that Canada has not a right to check immigration of a certain class without first consulting the authorities at Washington. That would be pushing the would-be benevolent despotism of Uncle Sam over the American continent a little further than most of us would be willing to stand.—Colonist.

The complainants are doing precisely what we or any other people would do in like circumstances. They are protesting to their own authorities against being refused admission to this province in order that the subject might be drawn to the attention of the Dominion government in the proper manner. Obviously they could not be expected to overlook their own officials and send their protest to Ottawa. When Canadians had trouble with American officers over the fisheries they did not burn the wires to Washington. They sent their protests to Ottawa. From their standpoint the Seattle workingmen referred to in the dispatch are taking the only course open to them if they are disposed to do anything at all. Whether the Washington government will carry their protest further is doubtful, as it understands the motives which actuated the Ottawa government in its recent action.

The United States government would not dream of disputing the right of the Canadian government to control its immigration. But, strangely enough, it is only in Canada where that right is questioned. Chinese are allowed to enter while other people are excluded, and we have not yet heard an explanation from Sir Richard McBride, Mr. Barnard, the Colonist or any of the other crusaders in the cause of a "White British Columbia." No doubt the white people of Seattle are irritated by the discrimination. Certainly if Canadians were barred from admission to the United States while Chinese were admitted, they would set up a howl and bombard Ottawa with protests. And they would be entirely justified in doing so. However, lest we forget, "the Canservative party stands for a white Canada, the protection of white labor and the total exclusion of Asiatics!"

MISSION OF THE VOTERS' LEAGUE

The letter of A. J. Turtle seems to throw some light on what the Voters' League stands for. This is well, because a goodly number of people have had some doubts upon the point. The League, according to the gospel of Mr. Turtle, stands for the purification of public life, municipal, provincial and federal, we suppose. It has dedicated itself to this task. It has set itself apart, consecrated itself, as it were, to this great end. Instead of mixing itself up with the unholy lump of party politics and by the superior quality of its leaven leavening the said lump, it stands afar off and reviles the degeneracy of the masses and rails at politicians all and singular. The graft, the corruption, the general uncleanness of the parties fill its pure soul with sadness. But it is not to be deluded. It can tell a bull's foot from something else when it is confronted with these deceitful articles. It knows what Ald. Stewart is after when he seeks the Mayor's chair. This and much more Mr. Turtle, having grown his eye teeth, tells us. He knows Ald. Gleason is a pure soul, though he may be a wobbler. Therefore the League will stand by him, because in certain things it knows him to be steadfast. Ex-Ald. Stewart, on the other hand, has the mark of the party beast upon him, and the League will spue him forth. Holy Willie undoubtedly is immortal.

As Mr. Turtle, speaking in the name of the Voters' League, is such a good reader of character, and knows all about the aims and ends of all and sundry seekers for office, perhaps he might be persuaded to go a little farther and tell us what is the mind of the men who seek to foist upon the city beyond redemption that Leech river watershed—property which may not be required for a generation, and at a time when there is not sufficient money in the treasury to execute works already initiated. It would be interesting to know something about that, particularly as the moving spirit in the matter is reputed to have some influence in the League. To the average ratepayer who is not allied with parties or leagues of any kind the whole scheme has a sinister look. If it were not engineered by the dominating factor in the League, which abhors graft and gathers its undefiled skirts about it when mere party politicians are in its neighborhood, we might say it looks as suspicious as the Mineral Rubber Company contract, and we have a dim recollection of two leading members of the Voters' League being principals in that transaction.

WHITE PHOSPHORUS.

A dispatch from Ottawa announces that the Minister of Labor intends to introduce a bill next session prohibiting the use of white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches. The real parent of this measure is the Hon. Mackenzie King, who in the session of 1910-11 introduced it, following a searching investigation in communities where white phosphorus is used. The bill was criticized by two Conservative members, Messrs. Northrop and Crosby, speaking in the interests of the match manufacturers, but there is no doubt it would have been passed had not obstruction, dissolution and the election intervened.

Mr. King's investigation disclosed the terrible risks incurred by the workers in factories where this substance is used. An officer of his department visited Hull and submitted a report of a number of cases, mostly those of women who had contracted necrosis, caused by the absorption of phosphorus through the teeth or gums. Most of the cases were attended with fatal results, while those who survived were hideously disfigured, losing both their upper and lower jaws.

Legislation similar to that proposed by Mr. King was forecasted in the annual message of President Taft in 1910, but whether it was passed we cannot recall. An offer was made to the United States authorities by a company which holds patents of a non-poisonous substance to place at the disposal of all match manufacturing firms the use of the material on equal terms with itself. This was a most generous undertaking, and no doubt Canadian manufacturers would be permitted to take advantage of it.

Mr. Crothers probably will find opposition to his bill in his own party caucus, just as Mr. King encountered opposition to his measure from prominent Conservatives three years ago, but he should insist upon it going through. He has enough data at hand to completely justify his proposal throughout the country; the lives and health of the match-workers are of more importance than the private fortunes of any subsidized members who may be lined up to block the bill.

INDUSTRIAL KINGS AND THEIR VASSALS.

William Deering died lately, leaving a fortune of fifty million dollars to his lucky heirs. Mr. Deering made all this huge fortune out of the manufacture, or rather the sale, of agricultural machinery, chiefly reapers. We have no doubt the dead millionaire was an industrious man. But there are millions of men in this country who are quite as industrious and probably work longer hours than Mr. Deering did who will not leave fifty million mills to be squabbled over when they die. We do not say that the implement king was merely an ordinary man. He was more than that. At the same time we doubt whether Mr. Deering, although a genius, was legitimately entitled to heap up fifty million dollars. He could not have done it, with all his ability, if he had not been endowed by the state with special privileges. The advantage he enjoyed was under the protective tariff. That benevolent instrument enabled him to levy tribute upon every farmer in the United States and upon many in Canada. He was in truth a modern king, endowed with greater powers than most mediaeval potentates. There are many in the United States like him, and more in Canada in proportion to population like him. Both countries have made a specialty of turning out millionaires. For a considerable number of years they have been engaged in this altruistic business, have counted their kings with pride and vaunted themselves not a little upon their output. But of late a change has come over public opinion. A suspicion is beginning to arise that perhaps modern kings are not quite all they have been cracked up to be. The United States seems to be seriously determined to stop the business of creating industrial magnates. In Canada the kings still reign, however. They succeeded in electing a government of their choice at the last election. But we have an idea that in doing this they achieved their last great victory.

The great firm of Armstrong-Vickers has contracted to build and reorganize the Turkish navy. Apparently nobody has yet risen in the Turkish council to say: "In my humble opinion nothing of an efficient nature can be built up in this country within twenty-five and perhaps fifty years." That is what Mr. Borden said about Canada on December 5, 1912. However, though inferior to the Turks and much inferior to the New Zealanders and Australians, we are not altogether outclassed. We are still neck and neck with the Malay States and Fiji Islands, which, Mr. Borden points out, send contributions to the Admiralty. What a calamity it would be if our copper-colored colleagues followed in New Zealand's footsteps! We would then be alone in the world.

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A correspondent starts out by criticizing Alderman Gleason's action in repudiating the activities of the Voters' League regarding municipal registrations and winds up by eloquently endorsing him. He does not understand the alderman's difficult position. The mayoralty candidate is apprehensive that his zealous friends in the league have alienated a large proportion of his party vote, and he is anxious to ride both horses. Now if he could satisfy himself that Mayor Morley and W. H. Price were standing behind him, arm linked in arm, his cup of happiness would be full. And it may come about, too. Stranger things have happened.

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One hundred and forty-four thousand eggs laid in China bound for San Francisco arrived here on the Empress of Asia. Let us hope that they are not relics of the Ming Dynasty. Some time ago a shipment of eggs from across the Pacific was received at Montreal. When opened they bore unmistakable evidences of having been laid in the time of Confucius.

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Trusts are multiplying in Canada in proportion to their dissolution in the United States. They are crossing the border as rapidly as they can, encumbered as they are with indictments. You can almost hear them shout to their friends south of the boundary line, "Come on, fellers; the water's fine."

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The attorney-general is still the friend of the big 'uns. Small newspaper and tobacco vendors and shoeshine artists are prosecuted with clock-like regularity, while others for doing precisely the same things are protected. What thinks Sir Richard of this travesty of British justice?

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R. T. Lowery, editor and financier of the Greenwood Ledge, sends Christmas greetings of a hearty, flowery and characteristic style. We thank thee, Bro. Lowery, for thy kind remembrances. May the task of financing thy journal grow lighter as the years multiply upon thy kindly head.

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Just when we were commiserating Vancouver on its hold-ups some miscreant had the nerve to attempt a similar manoeuvre here, and at Joe Bayley's habitation, too. Lucky highwayman—Joe was away.

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Give Silverine Glass.—It is very neat and attractive. Cream and Sugar, 95c; Bonbon Dishes, 50c and 95c; Berry Set, $3.25 and $4; Water Sets, $3.25 and $3.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas street. •

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Christmas Bock, 12 months old, specially imported. Famous Humbser "Imperator" Doppel Bock. Empress hotel. •

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Saanich Election.—Saanich Ratepayers association have opened committee rooms at Northern Crown bank building, 1236 Government street. Saanich taxpayers, resident in Saanich and Victoria, are invited to call and register their postal address. Polling day January 17, 1914. Phone 1650. •

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Good Temperance Drinks.—Served quick and hot or cold, at Strangers' rest, 1427 Government street. •

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Majestic Theatre.—"Beauty Unadorned," another of those snappy two-part comedies, is the big feature offered at The Majestic to-day. It tells of a widower and his son and a widow and her daughter and of a possible marriage. But the plans were temporarily upset by a couple of adventurers in the persons of a bogus count and an actress. However, a very exciting yachting trip uncovered many unexpected things. The dramatic pieces is "The Stolen Plans," Edison topliner, and "The Capturing of David Dunne," Biograph photoplay. "A Peasant's Marriage in Hungary," "Edible Fish of Mediterranean," and "Geyser of New Zealand," are travel, educational and scenic films. "The Unwilling Bride," a splendid Indian drama. Not a drop of blood shed; only one firearm discharged. •

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Daniel Frohman.—Famous Players Features. Contract signed for their exclusive production at Dominion theatre. Arrangements have been completed whereby one of the above magnificent features will be shown each week at the Dominion. These attractions are the top notch in motion picture production representing the highest art in stage sittings, acting and photography. They are produced under the personal supervision of Daniel Frohman, whose name is associated with the foremost theatrical enterprises. They comprise the biggest theatrical successes, such as Augustus Thomas's "Arizona;" "Henry Dixey in Chelsea 7750;" and the sequel "An Hour Before Dawn;" "The Count of Monte Cristo" with James O'Neill and many others. Each feature will be shown for four days commencing every Monday, beginning with "Arizona" to-day. •

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Assayers Examined.—Of the two candidates who presented themselves last week for the examination for assayers held at the government laboratory, Thomas Watson, of Vancouver, passed.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 22, 1888.

Yesterday Dr. John L. Hall passed away at the family residence, Fort street. Three years ago he arrived in this city and practised with his brother, Dr. F. W. Hall, in the Driard block. The deceased was married last year to Miss Fanny Beegan, and leaves an aged mother in Toronto.

Mr. William J. Macaulay, formerly of Winnipeg and St. Paul, where he accumulated wealth in the lumber trade, has come here to settle with his family, and has purchased a piece of ground near Beacon Hill to erect a handsome residence thereon.

Miss Mary H. Crockford, who will shortly leave for England, was presented with an address and lady's companion by the High School girls yesterday afternoon.

The nuptial ceremony of Mr. Malcolm McDermott, Metchosin, and Mrs. Fraser, will take place at Metchosin this evening. Rev. D. McRae will perform the ceremony.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz arrived from the Skeena river this afternoon. A half-breed woman named Fanny Evans was brought down in charge of a constable, committed for trial on a charge of bigamy.

Large Membership Roll.—The membership roll of the Y. M. C. A. has increased considerably during the past few weeks, as a result of the recent campaign, and there are now 1,518—1,171 seniors and 347 juniors.

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C. J. Spratt Returns.—C. J. Spratt, of the Victoria Machinery company, returned to the city yesterday after a two months' absence spent touring eastern cities. He states that his observation of business conditions there led him to believe that the worst of the depression is past.

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Stonecutting Nearly Finished.—In aonther month, it is stated by W. S. McDonald, contractor for the additions to the parliament buildings, all the stone for the two wings and the library block will have been cut. As soon as it is finished the men will move southwards to undertake a big contract in San Francisco.

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Presentation to Fire Chief.—Fire Chief Davis was on Saturday presented with a combination walking stick and umbrella from the California Fire Insurance company, and a solid silver tea service from the Hudson's Bay Fire Insurance company. J. L. Noble, secretary of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' association, made the presentation.

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New Schools at Saanich.—The outgoing board under Munroe Miller's chairmanship will leave the large building programme almost completed. Prospect Lake school is building, and the new school at Strawberry Vale will be finished this month. The new school to be undertaken will be in the neighborhood of the Gorge road, near Burnside road and Tillicum road.

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Record Mail.—A record mail of over 2,500 Christmas parcels has arrived from the old country, and the post office staff is making valiant efforts towards its distribution. Special arrangements had been made for its transport from the docks, and an extra staff of clerks has been engaged at the sorting office, so the probability is the delivery will have been safely completed by Christmas day.

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Daughters of England.—Princess Alexandra lodge of the Daughters of England met last week and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Sister White; vice-president, Sister Blundell; secretary, Sister Catterall; treasurer, Sister Hymes; chaplain, Sister Nute; surgeon, Dr. Houghton; committee: Sisters Hilliar, McGrand, Bowden and Hocking; inner guard, Sister Oliver; outer guard, Sister Temple.

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Sunday Afternoon Concert. — The last of the series of Sunday afternoons in the Dominion theatre was given yesterday before an excellent house. Mrs. Benedict Bantly, the soprano, won encores for her graceful renderings from "Mignon" and "My Island Rose." Miss Eva Wilson sang with fine feeling, "The Garden of Sleep," while T. Holman's voice was heard to advantage in "Awake." The band gave their usual spirited rendering of many excellent numbers. The concerts will be continued after the new year in another hall.

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Booklovers' Library.—The following books are among those just added to the Booklovers' library, 201 Campbell building: Ann Veronica, H. G. Wells; A Doubtful Character, Mrs. Baillie Reynolds; Blinds Down, H. A. Vachell; The Door That Has No Key, Cosmo Hamilton; The Hon. Mr. Tawnish, Farnol; Hagar, Mary Johnston; Half in Earnest, Muriel Hine; Indiscretions of Dr. Carstairs, Anon; Island of the Stairs, Cyrus Brady; Judgment of the Sword, Maud Diver; Maradick at Forty, Walpole; Richard Furlong, Temple Thurston; The Two Kisses, Oliver Onions; Unexpurgated Case Against Woman Suffrage, Sir Ahnroth Wright.

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By John Kendrick Bangs

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And it is made exactly right
To let us look beyond—
Beyond the scenes of gladsome mirth
That all about us be,
Into those other scenes of earth
And opportunity.

The berry's glow amid the green
Speaks of that jewelled day
When love whose like was never seen
Dawned on our mortal way;
And through the spaces garlanded
We look upon God's poor,
And find the path before us spread
To make His love secure!

CHEAP THINGS.

Everybody likes to buy things that are cheap, provided the article is good; but it must be remembered that very often things that appear to be cheap at first are dear in the end, while others not so cheap at first sight, are the cheapest in the long run. It is the "long run" that counts. A contractor of Victoria took out a life insurance policy in the year 1887 in the Mutual Life of Canada, on the limited payment life plan. Had the policy become a claim by death at any time during the period, his wife would have received the full face value of the policy, and for the protection thus afforded him during the 24 years, the actual average annual cost has been at the rate of $13.50 per $1,000, so that even for the protection afforded, if nothing more, this insurance has proved to be cheap. But that is not all; for in addition to being protected for 24 years, should the policy-holder now wish to take the cash value for his policy, he can draw $173 in gold coin for every $100 he has paid the company; and further, should he wish to keep the insurance policy, it is paid up in full for its face value (an amount more than three times what he has paid in premiums); no more premiums to be paid and instead he himself receives an annual cash dividend on the policy as long as he lives, and the full face of the policy will be paid at his death.

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Full particulars of the above mentioned policy can be seen in the records of our office, 918 Government street, The Mutual Life of Canada.

R. L. Drury, manager.
Fred M. McGregor, special agent. •

Strangers' Rest.—Rev. Mr. McLean will address a meeting at the Strangers' Rest to-night. A good, bright service is expected. All are invited.

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"Everykid" Again.—The Victoria Amateur Dramatic club will again present "Everykid" on Friday and Saturday next, with a matinee on Saturday. It is expected that the success of the bright play on its last presentation will be repeated this week. New songs and dances have been introduced.

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Aldermanic Candidate.—It is possible that W. J. Sargent will be a candidate for a seat at the aldermanic board. Definite announcement, however, has not yet been made. C. R. Davidson is to be a candidate for one of the vacancies on the school board, one at least of the retiring members not offering himself for election.

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Entomological Society.—The annual convention of the B. C. Entomological society takes place in Victoria on January 23 and 24, and opens with a banquet at the Empress hotel, at which many prominent officials will be present. Dr. G. O. Day, of Duncan, is president of the society, while Mr. R. C. Treherne, well known in connection with the Dominion government's farm at Agassiz, is in charge of the arrangements, and an interesting programme is expected to attract delegates from all parts of the province.

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Endorse Propaganda.—Letters of approbation from architects all over the province have been received by the Manufacturers' Association of British Columbia. The architects promise to specify British Columbia made goods in their specifications wherever possible. The Penticton board of trade and the Duncan school board have both written endorsing the propaganda of the association and promise to do all possible to see that the goods manufactured within the province are used on contracts let in future in these two places.

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

WORLD'S RECORD SET FOR WIRELESS WORK

Estevan Station Speaks Aki Maru About 3,100 Miles at Sea; is Called a "Freak"

One of the most remarkable feats ever performed in the history of the world's telegraphy was accomplished last night when the Estevan station established communication with the inbound liner Aki Maru, Capt. Noma, which was approximately 3,100 miles at sea. The Nippon steamship only left Yokohama last Wednesday and she was still speaking with the high power stations of Japan when the Estevan operator cut in. The Aki's "mareoni" was dispatching messages to the Yokohama and the operator sitting in at Estevan heard the "sparks" quite clearly.

When the Aki's operator knew that Estevan was listening she flashed her position, which was as follows: Latitude 46.06 North and Longitude 160.06 east, which, according to the seaman's way of figuring, is just about 3,100 miles from Victoria. It is impossible to estimate from the position exactly what time the Aki will berth at this port, but she is due to arrive on New Year's day, but may possibly make it the day previous.

New Record for Pacific.

Last night's feat is a remarkable performance. It is by far the longest wireless "talk" ever made by stations on either side of the Pacific ocean. Occasionally Estevan has spoken inbound Oriental ships at a distance of 2,100 miles, but this is the first time in the history of radio-telegraphy that a ship has been spoken any great distance to the east of the 180th Meridian. The operators who combined to establish this record are to be congratulated on adding such an important mark to the history of aerial "talking."

The record is believed to be a world-wide one. The Atlantic has never produced a record equal to that of last night. The atmospheric conditions were unusual last night and the record is set down as a "freak." The Blue Funnel liner Ajax, Capt. Thompson, which carries a small power apparatus, was spoken over 1,200 miles at sea. This may constitute a new record for the Holt fleet. Vessels under this house flag do not, as a rule, report until they are about 500 miles off the coast. The Osaka liner Tacoma Maru, Capt. Hamada, also fell into the range of the Estevan machine and was about 1,200 miles off the coast.

HOW THE CAT DEBARKED.

An orange tawny cat arrived on the Empress of Asia yesterday, but she did not appear on the manifest, nor did she have papers to show that her intentions in entering British Columbia were free from competition with local skilled feline laborers as mice destroyers, or artisans in the rat catching industry. Neither did she land gracefully, marching down the gang-plank with tail erect and purring her satisfaction to the welcome of immigration and customs officers.

It was by a back door route, and tail foremost, that puss entered the Dominion. After the liner's mail skidway had been placed in position, she came, she saw—but, alas, did not conquer it. She approached the incline gingerly, stepped on it, but these greasy ways are not made to stand up, and suddenly turning round tail foremost puss reached the bottom sharply, running away meawing piteously, and seeking an avenue to return to the vessel.

TWO HOURS BEHIND RECORD OF RUSSIA

Empress of Asia Makes Splendid Run Despite Fierce Weather

Continuous heavy weather prevented the C. P. R. flyer Empress of Asia, Capt. Robinson, from smashing the record held by her sister ship the Empress of Russia, Capt. Beetham, for the passage from Yokohama to Victoria. The Asia was only two hours slower than the Russia, and the officers are sorry they did not get a few spells of fine weather so that the flyer could have been driven at top speed. From Yokohama heads, when the full-speed bell was rung, to Race Rocks, where she was eased down yesterday morning, the Asia was 9 days 7 hours and 47 minutes.

Severe southeasterly and easterly gales were encountered by the Empress throughout her passage from Japan. Great seas made their way aboard and swept the entire length of the ship. The Asia fought her way against the storms and succeeded in making the splendid average speed of 18.68 knots an hour. Chief Engineer W. P. Davies still believes that his big ship can show the Empress of Russia the way to a new record, and as soon as the fine weather comes round people on this side of the Pacific need not be surprised if the Asia slips into port some morning with the broom nailed to her foremast head.

Slated for Overhaul.

A 20-day overhaul has been arranged for the Asia on her next visit to Hongkong. She is to go into dry-dock and have her hull scraped and painted and all her interior fittings and decorations renovated. With a clean hull and fair weather the Asia should set up a new mark which will keep the Russia plugging along for a good time before she can beat it.

The Empress of Asia brought in a light list of passengers from the Orient, the salon list including the following:

W. A. Aldridge, Mrs. Bard, N. M. Barrett, Geo. S. Beebe, M. S. Bishop, A. J. Carson, J. A. Cavanagh, H. A. Cobb, Charlie Chu, Miss E. Dimmitt, J. H. Douglas, M. H. Elliott, Mrs. M. J. Graves and Maid, Lieut. F. T. Hare, A. Hashim, Geo. R. Hooper, Mrs. Hooper and maid, Mrs. E. Judd, Miss M. Kubaugh, Mrs. Luen, E. H. Monk, J. H. Parks, Mrs. Parks, Miss Celia Ray Parks, T. G. Reynolds Pierson, Miss M. Purcell, Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, Fernand Sauvage, M. Strauss, Mr. Strong, Mrs. Strong, Miss Strong, Horace T. Tompkins and B. Warff.

SEAMEN ARE ANGRY OVER NEW MARINERS' BILL

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Declaring that the La Follette mariner's bill has provisions that vitally affect commercial and shipping interests of the Pacific coast, and that its passage will mean the absolute turning over of the Pacific shipping to Japan as well as nullifying the benefits of the Panama canal, the San Francisco chamber of commerce Saturday telegraphed William Randolph Hearst, calling on him to use every effort to give the people of the west an opportunity to be heard on the measure before it is reported out of the house committee.

C. P. R. LINERS GET TERRIBLE DUSTINGS

Monteagle Hove to in Howling Storm; Japan in Port With 35 Tons of Coal Left

With huge, green seas sweeping clean over her and threatening to do great damage to her deck fittings and cabins, the big C. P. R. steamship Monteagle, Capt. Hailey, had to be hove to in mid-Pacific on her present outward voyage from Victoria to Hongkong according to word brought in by officers of the Empress of Asia, which berthed yesterday. While the great flyer was reeling off her 18½ knots an hour, a wireless message was received from the Monteagle stating that she was hove to in latitude 53 N. and longitude 160 W., with a howling easterly gale raging and a terrific sea sweeping clean over her.

The Monteagle ran into dirty weather as soon as she poked her nose outside Cape Flattery. Southeast gales battered the ship and the disagreeable conditions reached their height when the liner was in mid-Pacific. The Monteagle's officers reported that the barometer was down to 28.20, which is the lowest glass to be recorded on the Pacific in many years. The ship was hove to for about 24 hours, when the storm subsided somewhat and enabled her to proceed at slow speed. The Monteagle is one of the best sea boats of the C. P. R. fleet, and when she is held up by heavy weather, the fury of the storm must have carried violence in a large degree.

Thirty-Five Tons of Coal Left.

Another hard trans-Pacific passage from Victoria to Hongkong was reported by the steamship Empress of Japan, Capt. Hopcroft, which reached Yokohama four days behind schedule time. The officers of the Asia say that there were only 35 tons of coal left in the liner's bunkers when she put into the Japanese port. Continuous heavy weather had buffetted the ship for many days, and the head winds together with the mountainous seas held her back. As the days wore by the firemen and coal-passers watched the coal pile dwindling down, and the officers recognized that another prolonged storm would put them in a very bad way. Finally Yokohama was made, and as the bunkers were inspected it was found that there was a mere pile of 35 tons left, not sufficient to last her for another day's steaming.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 21.

San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Steam schooner Santa Barbara, Willapa Harbor; str. Congress, Seattle; tank str. Minna Brew, Talara Bay. Sailed: Str. Beaver, Portland.

Astoria, Ore.—Arrived: Steam schr. Willamette, San Francisco; tank str. El Segundo, str. Col. E. L. Drake, California; str. Breakwater, Coos Bay; steam sch. Saginaw, steam sch. Wellesley, up river; str. Yucatan, San Pedro. Sailed: Steam str. Bee, California.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Aroline, San Francisco; str. Centralia, San Francisco; str. Tamalpais, San Francisco.

San Pedro, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Shasta, Bellingham.

Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: F. S. Loop, Astoria; Andalusia, Portland. Sailed: Barque Linton, in tow of tug Tyee, United Kingdom via, Port Townsend.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Andalusia, Astoria. Sailed: Str. Admiral Sampson, San Francisco; str. Protesilaus, Vancouver.

ALL SPACE IS GONE

Portland, Dec. 22.—Practically the entire space on all of the trans-Pacific steamers has been reserved as far ahead as March, it was stated this morning, and the present tariff rates are expected to remain in force until the end of that month. During the last two months the regular liners have been unable to handle the traffic, making it necessary for the exporters to engage tramp steamers. From now on it is said the regular steamers probably will be able to take care of the business.

RUSH RUPERT NORTH WITH XMAS LETTERS

Is Turning Back to Rupert To-morrow Night; Prince George Goes Into Dry-dock

Following the grounding of the G. T. P. steamer Prince George, Captain Donald, near Siwash rock, entrance to Vancouver harbor, in a dense fog on Saturday evening, the officials of the company announced the cancellation of this morning's sailing to Prince Rupert, and that the injured ship would be laid up for a month to overhaul and be repaired. Another announcement was made this morning. The steamer Prince Rupert, which is due in Vancouver to-morrow evening and in Victoria the following morning, is to be turned back to Prince Rupert from the Terminal City. She will leave there at midnight on Tuesday in order to rush north the Christmas mails which were to have gone on the George to-day.

The people in Prince Rupert were looking forward to the arrival of the Prince George, which would gladden their hearts with the Christmas presents, letters and cards from their friends and relatives in the south. When the news was sent north that the George had grounded and was to be withdrawn, there was a sad look of disappointment on the faces of Rupert's citizens, who believed that they would have to wait until the arrival of the Prince Rupert on Saturday. But Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of the company, quickly devised a plan to eliminate such a sad thing as disappointment at this time of the year, and ordered that the Prince Rupert be turned back to the northern port to-morrow night.

As a result of the Rupert being sent back to Rupert the Wednesday trip from here to Seattle has been cancelled as well as the Thursday sailing to Prince Rupert. Upon the return of the Prince Rupert from the north she will be held here until December 28, when she will proceed to the Sound and head for Rupert the following day. She will remain on the run until the George comes out from overhauling.

George Floated Into Dock.

The Prince George was floated into dry-dock at Esquimalt yesterday, and to-day the big basin was pumped out. It was late this afternoon before the surveyors could make an examination of the ship's hull to ascertain the exact amount of damage she has suffered. The Prince George was to have been withdrawn this month from service to go into dock, but her mishap on Saturday evening forced the company to lay her up earlier than they intended. A number of plates will have to be taken out forward and several frames straightened. The accident on Saturday night happened in a dense fog and was caused through the mistaking of lights.

RUMORED C. P. R. LINER HAS SUNK IN PACIFIC

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—It was rumored here this afternoon that one of the C. P. R. passenger steamers had gone down in the Pacific. No confirmation of the rumor could be had from the officials here.

Winnipeg is a peculiar place for a rumor of this nature to start. Shipping men here do not place any truth in the report. The only two C. P. R. boats at sea at the present time are the Monteagle, Capt. Hailey, and the Empress of India, Capt. Davison. The latter was spoken by wireless last night and reported "All well." The Monteagle is due at Yokohama from this coast on December 26, and when last reported said that she was meeting with very heavy weather. There are a number of ships, equipped with wireless, at present on their way here, and if anything had happened to the Monteagle word would have been received prior to this.

The wireless offices said this afternoon that they had not received a word of any mishap on the Pacific.

AJAX AND TACOMA MARU BOTH DUE IN ON FRIDAY

Both the Blue Funnel steamship Ajax, Capt. Thompson, and the Tacoma Maru, Capt. Hamada, of the Osaka fleet, will reach Victoria on Friday from Oriental ports. Shipping men are glad that they will not be here on Thursday to disturb their holiday.

FEARS FOR WINDJAMMER

Deep-water skippers in port at Portland are beginning to become a little apprehensive over the failure of the British ship Inveravon, Capt. Legingham, to arrive on the Columbia from Callao. She has now been out seventy-nine days, nearly a month longer than it has required a number of windjammers to complete the same passage.

LOCAL BOY WAS HERO IN HONGKONG HARBOR

Frank Crompton Dove From Asia 40 Feet to Save Life of Drowning Seaman

Frank Crompton, one of the best known local swimmers, has gained fame abroad. He has a cabinet of silverware won at swimming galas held in different coast cities and he is now roaming this great world looking for still greater distinction. Frank is assistant plumber on the big C. P. R. liner Empress of Asia, and while in Hongkong he leaped overboard from the boat deck and saved the life of one of the crew, who was in imminent danger of drowning.

Crompton joined the Asia at Vancouver before she sailed on her last outward trip. It was his first visit to Hongkong, and he was strange to the water and its current. The ship was at her berth and Frank was engaged in doing some work on the boat deck. One of the young members of the crew, Frank Ward, had decided to take a dip in the bay, and descended a rope ladder. He was a poor swimmer, and before he was aware the tide was swishing him away from the ladder. Ward emitted several terrible appeals for help.

To Forty Feet Below.

When Crompton heard the cries he rushed to the rail and saw Ward in the act of drowning. The boat deck of the Asia is about 40 feet from the water-line. Up on to the rail the local boy climbed and without pausing to remove his clothes in he dove. It was the highest dive Crompton has ever made in his life. With powerful strokes he neared the side of the drowning man. The life-saving methods which he had learned under the guidance of instructors of the local Y. M. C. A. held him in good stead. He seized the seaman and started on the long swim back to the ship's side against the tide. Hopelessly tired, he was finally fished out by willing hands.

Crompton was congratulated by every man jack on board the Asia for his fearlessness in diving such a height to rescue a drowning person.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 22, 8 a.m.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 29.59; 37.

Cape Lazo—Raining; S. E., fresh; 29.44; 37; sea rough. Spoke S.S. Princess Royal, left Powell river 8 p.m., southbound.

Tatoosh—Raining; S. E., 12 miles; 29.55; 42; sea rough. Out, S. S. Admiral Sampson, midnight.

Pachena—Raining; S. E. gale; 29.20; 41; sea rough.

Estevan—Raining; S. E.; 29.27; 38; sea rough. Spoke 8.30 p.m. S. S. Tacoma Maru, 6 p.m. position 49.50 N., 153.15 W.; 10.20 p.m. S. S. Shirzuako Maru, 8 p.m. position 52.47 N., 159.15 W., westbound; 3 a.m. S. S. Aki Maru, 8 p.m. position 46.06 N., 166.06 E.; 3.15 a.m. S. S. Ajax, 6 p.m. position, 52.08 N., 153.42 W., due Victoria Friday morning.

Triangle—Overcast; S. E., strong; 29.18; 43; sea rough. Spoke 10 p.m. S. S. Empress of India, 8 p.m. position 50.21 N., 132.04 W., westbound.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E., fresh; 29.10; 40; sea moderate. Out, 8.20 p.m. S. S. Princess Beatrice, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E., hurricane; 28.62; 48; sea very rough.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.30; 38; sea rough. Spoke 8.15 p.m. S. S. Venture, northbound.

Noon.

Point Grey.—Cloudy; calm; 29.66; 43.

Cape Lazo.—Cloudy; S. E., fresh; 29.50; 40; sea rough. Spoke, S. S. Estevan, 10.20 a. m., Union Bay.

Tatoosh.—Raining; S. E., 29.63; 43. In, 9 a. m., S. S. Trinculo; 10 a. m., S. S. Governor; 11 a. m., S. S. William Chetham.

Estevan.—Passing showers; 29.39; 44; sea rough.

Triangle.—Cloudy; S. E., strong; 29.27; 45; sea rough. Spoke, 10 a. m., S. S. Spokane, Milbank Sound, northbound; 10.30 a. m., S. S. Princess Beatrice, off North Island, southbound.

Ikeda.—Raining; S. E., 29.83; 40; sea rough.

Prince Rupert.—Cloudy; S. E., 29.18; 49; sea smooth. Out, 9.20 a. m., S. S. Prince Rupert, southbound; 11 a. m., S. S. Princess May, northbound; due Prince Rupert, 1 p. m.

Dead Tree Point.—Raining; S. E. gale; 29.88; 38; sea rough.

Alert Bay.—Overcast; E., 29.32; 42; sea moderate; S. S. Quadra, off Pine Island, 10.15 a. m., southbound. In, S. S. Roma, 8.30 a. m. Out, S. S. Chelohsin, 11 a. m., southbound.

PASSENGERS WALK ASHORE

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Missing the entrance to the First Narrows owing to the dense fog, the steamer Selma, crowded with passengers from Powell river and way points, grounded on the Brockton Point side of the channel on Saturday afternoon and remained there till high tide. Tug-boats refused to go to the help of the steamer because of a fear that they might go aground themselves. The water was so shallow at low tide that the passengers were able to step off into Stanley park.

The heavy fog caused a number of delays in steamer arrivals and departures. The Princess Adelaide from Victoria was over an hour manoeuvering into her dock.

DID NOT TAKE OVER TUG.

When questioned to-day about the report that the C. P. R. was taking over the tug William Jolliffe this morning, the officials of the B. C. Coast Service said that they did not know anything about it.

Phoenix Beer, $1.50 per doz. qts.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

Steamer.	Master.	Tonnage.	Agents.	From.	Due.
Ajax	Thompson	4,478	Dodwell & Co.	Hongkong	Dec. 23
Aki Maru	Noma	3,995	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 1
Arna	Jentoft	3,250	Evans, Coleman & Evans	New York	Jan. 30
Bellerophon	Bebb	5,744	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 14
Colusa	Minister	3,622	Balfour, Guthrie & Co.	Salina Cruz	Dec. 24
Cardiganshire	New)	....	Findlay, Durham & Brodie	Hull	March 15
Den of Airlie	Garrucha	3,736	Findlay, Durham & Brodie	Hull	Dec. 22
Empress of Asia	Robinson	8,834	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Dec. 26
Empress of Japan	Hopcroft	3,939	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 7
Empress of Russia	Beatham	8,793	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 17
Engineer	Jones	2,797	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Jan. 15
Glenroy		2,141	F. D. & B.	Hull	Feb. 27
Gallano	Wheeler	....	Fishery cruiser	Glasgow	Mar. 10
Kentra	Turner	2,021	Evans, Coleman & Evans	Hongkong	Jan. 10
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 6
Merionithshire			F. D. & B.	Hull	Jan. 20
Marama	Rolle	3,953	C. P. R.	Sydney	Mar. 3
Niagara	Morrisby	7,582	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 3
Panama Maru	Kanso	3,820	Sugar	Hongkong	Jan. 23
Roseric	Sholton	3,005	R. P. Rithet & Co.	Peruv'n Pts	Jan. 25
Seattle Maru	Saito	3,899	R. P. Rithet & Co.	Hongkong	Jan. 9
Sado Maru	Asakawa	3,950	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 15
Siam (motor ship)		3,311	John Waterhouse	Antwerp	Jan. 17
Tamba Maru	Teranaka	3,803	G. Northern	Hongkong	Dec. 18
Teucer	Yarwood	5,817	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Jan. 17
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	3,780	R. P. Rithet & Co.	Hongkong	Dec. 26
Talthybius	Allen	6,526	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 14
Waimate	Mead	3,629	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 10

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.

Empress of India, C.P.R., H'gk'g, Dec. 20
Canada Maru, R. P. Rithet, H'gk'g, Dec. 23
Marama, C. P. R., Australia ..... Dec. 24
Titan, Dodwell & Co., Liverpool ... Dec. 24
Tamba Maru, G. N., Hongkong ... Dec. 30
Empress of Asia, C.P.R., H'gk'g .. Dec. 31
Tacoma Maru, R. P. Rithet, H'gk'g, Jan. 6
Aki Maru, G.N., Hongkong ..... Jan. 14
Makura, C.P.R., Australia ..... Jan. 21

SAILERS COMING.

Aryan, American ship, from San Francisco, to load lumber for S. Africa.
Battle Abbey, British barque, Newcastle, N. S. W. Sailed Oct. 18.
Alliance, Peruvian barque, Iquique.
David Evans, British schooner, from Japan for Royal Roads for orders.

COASTING VESSELS.

From Northern Ports.

Prince George, G.T.P., Stewart .... Dec. 21
Chelohsin, U.S.S. Co., Bella Coola .. Dec. 24
Prince Rupert, G.T.P., Granby Bay. Dec. 24
Prince Albert, G.T.P., Q. Char'tes. Dec. 25
Princess May, C.P.R., Skagway .. Dec. 30

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For West Coast.

Princess Maquinna, Holberg ..... Dec. 29

From West Coast.

Princess Maquinna, Holberg ..... Dec. 28

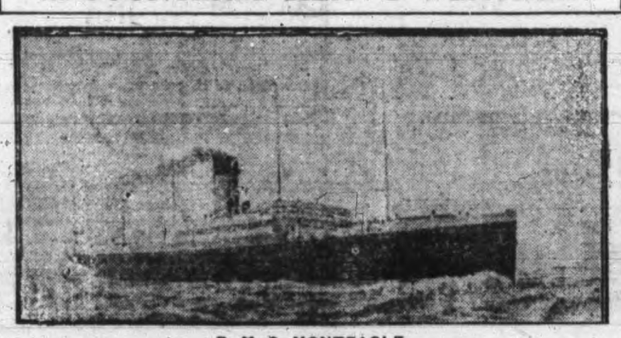
From San Francisco.

Umatilla, Pacific Coast ..... Dec. 25
Senator, Pacific Coast ..... Jan. 2

For San Francisco.

Senator, Pacific Coast ..... Dec. 24
Umatilla, Pacific Coast ..... Dec. 31

ENCOUNTERED HEAVY WEATHER



R. M. S. MONTEAGLE.

Crack C. P. R. liner Monteagle, which received a severe dusting on her outward trip. She encountered heavy gales nearly all the way.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

Special Sailing
of the S. S. "Prince Rupert" to
Prince Rupert
From Vancouver Tuesday Midnight Dec. 23
Arriving at Prince Rupert early Christmas morning.
Victoria passengers may connect with above steamer at Vancouver by taking the Canadian Pacific afternoon boat at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday.
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DEN OF AIRLIE ON WAY R. M. BOAT'S POSITION

Bound for Victoria, the British steamship Den of Airlie, of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, is on her way across the Pacific, having sailed from Yokohama last Wednesday. The vessel has 350 tons for Victoria. Her cargo consists principally of hemp, rice, matting and Chinese and Japanese merchandise. The vessel is expected in Victoria January 3.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company reports the positions of the other vessels of their North Pacific fleet as follows:

Vestalia, arrived Suez December 4; Den of Ruthven, arrived Colombo from Singapore, December 4; Den of Crombie, arrived Manila from Hongkong, December 1; Den of Glamis, sailed from Seattle for Orient, via Vancouver, November 21; Solveig, sailed from Seattle for Yokohama and Hongkong, November 25; Vennachar, sailed from Tacoma for Kutchinotzu, December 7; Beachy, sailed from Moji for Seattle, December 7; due Seattle, December 28, to load for Liverpool and Dublin.

PROTESILAUS BACK IN PORT.

The Blue Funnel liner Protesilaus, Capt. Milhench, returned here this morning from the Sound to discharge cargo. She will get away to-night for Vancouver.

The War in the Air.—Subaltern (in observation balloon)—"I say, are you there? I think you'd better get me down, I'm not doin' a bit of good, and they're simply ruining the bally balloon."—Punch's Almanack.

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To Replenish Your Flat Ware

Teaspoons in solid nickel-silver at, per dozen, $1.25 and **$1.00**

Dessert Spoons, solid nickel-silver, at **$2.50**
And Tablespoons to match at.....**$3.50**

Dessert Forks to match the above lines come at only **$2.50**

Rogers' 1847 Silverware. This is the best line of plated ware we know of. It is second only to sterling silver.

Teaspoons at, per dozen **$4.00**

Dessert Spoons at, per dozen **$6.00**

Table Spoons at, per dozen.....**$7.00**

Table Forks at, per dozen **$7.00**

Dessert Forks at, per dozen **$6.00**

Carving Sets in Cases

Three-Piece Sets, with horn handles and packed in handsome cases, are here, at, per set, $6, $5, $4.50, $4, $3.50 and **$2.50**

Three-Piece Sets with xylonite handles come at $7.50, $6.50, $6 and.....**$4.50**

Five-Piece Sets with buckhorn handles and superior blades, come at **$16.00**

Five-Piece Sets with xylonite handles are fine values at **$15.00**

Fish Carvers with xylonite handles at $10 and **$7.50**

Fish Carvers with pearl handles, at $11.00, $10, $8.50 and **$7.50**

For the Children's Stockings

Silverware for Children

Mugs for Children. In silver plate we have an assortment of styles at, each, $3, $2.50, $2.00, $1.75 and **$1.50**

Sterling Silver Mugs at, each, $8.00, $7.00 and **$6.50**

Babies' Spoons and Food Pushers come in neat designs and a good quality of plated ware. Price **75¢**

Children's Sets of three pieces, sterling silver at $6.00; or in good plated ware at $3, $2.25, **$1.75**

Kindergarten Sets and Little Chairs

Kindergarten Sets—A present that will greatly please your little girls. They are well-made and will stand lots of rough use. Price only **$3.50**

Kindergarten Chairs in highly finished hardwood, at, each, 85c and .....**75¢**

Wicker Commode Chairs, in fumed finish and fitted with tray, **$5.50**

Rocking Chairs come in a very fine assortment of styles at prices ranging from $4 down to only **$1.00**

Solid Oak Rocker with upholstered seat and back, at, each, **$9.00**

Motor Cars and Express Wagons for Your Boy

Model Autos will provide him with first-class exercise and he will enjoy the fun. Run smoothly, have steering wheel, rubber tires, and are strongly built. Three sizes in stock. Prices, $12, $10 and **$9.00**

Express Wagons with metal bodies, at, each **$4.00**
With wood bodies at, each, only **$5.00**

Doll's Beds—A Present That Will Delight Your Girls

Samples are now being shown in our windows. Few gifts will please the girls quite as much as one of these beds. They are fitted complete with mattresses, pillows and easy-running, strong casters. Some are in solid oak, while others come in mahogany finish or white enamel.
Prices range up to $7.50 each from **$2.00**

For Xmas

Knives That Keep Their Edge

Table Knives with xylonite handles, oval or square styles, come at, per dozen, $7.50, $6.00 and **$5.00**

Dessert Knives with xylonite handles to match the above-mentioned lines, come at, per dozen, $6, $5.50 and **$4.00**

Table Knives with ivory handles come at, per dozen, $24, $20 and **$18.00**

Table Knives with white bone handles come at $2.50 per dozen, and Dessert Knives at **$2.00**

All-Steel Knives or Forks to match at, per dozen **$2.00**

Aluminum-Handled Knives, table size, at $3.50, and Dessert at **$3.00**

Silver-Plated Knives, table size, at $6.00, and Dessert Knives at **$5.50**

Silver-Plated Knives of excellent quality at $4.50 per dozen in the table size, and for Dessert Knives **$4.00**

Carving Knives and Forks

All fitted with buckhorn handles and a quality that will render very satisfactory service. Prices $3.50, $3, $2 and.....**$1.75**

With Ivory Handles and all beautifully finished, at, per pair, $6.50 and.....**$6.00**

With Xylonite Handles at, per pair, $3.00 and **$2.50**

Steels with xylonite handles at, each, $1.00, 85c and .....**75¢**

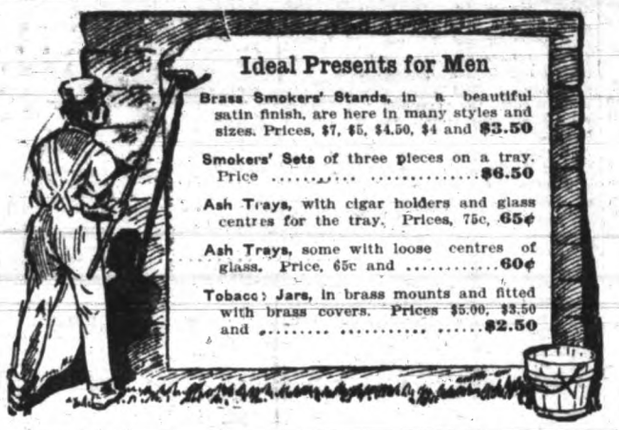
Steels with ivory handles at $1.75 and **$1.50**

Steels with buckhorn handles at, each, $1.25 and **$1.00**

Many other patterns and qualities in stock.

Men Delight in the Comfort of a Morris Chair

Here's where you get the advantage of a wide assortment to choose from and the opportunity to arrange good terms. The chairs are their own best advertisement for comfort-giving qualities and value. Come in and judge them for yourself. Prices range up to $55.00 each from **$10.00**



Ideal Presents for Men

Brass Smokers' Stands, in a beautiful satin finish, are here in many styles and sizes. Prices, $7, $5, $4.50, $4 and **$3.50**

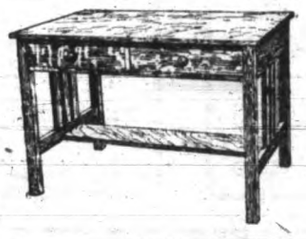
Smokers' Sets of three pieces on a tray. Price **$6.50**

Ash Trays, with cigar holders and glass centres for the tray. Prices, 75c, **65¢**

Ash Trays, some with loose centres of glass. Price, 65c and .....**60¢**

Tobacco Jars, in brass mounts and fitted with brass covers. Prices $5.00, $3.50 and **$2.50**

A Practical Gift for Father



A Library Table in the style shown except that it has only one drawer, may be had in solid oak finished in the Early English style. The top is 24x36 inches, and the price only **$15**

Many larger and more elaborate Tables are now being shown.

Even Our 10c Table is Loaded With Extra Values for Christmas Shoppers

On Our 25c Table

There is a splendid assortment of China Plates, Fruit Bowls, Cups and Saucers Sugar and Cream Pairs, etc., Fancy Glass Fruit Dishes, Flower Vases and many other very useful pieces.

Big Buying Power of 50c

On this table there are values to please the most expectant shopper. Beautiful China and Glassware are the chief items, and even good Jardinieres and useful Mirrors are included.

75c Goes a Long Way

In fact it will buy large Jardinieres, China Fruit Bowls, Plates and Seven-Piece Berry Sets of unusual quality, Silver Deposit Ware, Epergnes, Choice Glassware, Steins, Ramakin Dishes, and Three-Piece Tea Sets, etc.

The $1.00 Table is a Treat

Brass Candlesticks with shades complete, Fancy Brass Goods, Book Racks, Hand Mirrors, Steins, Silver Deposit Ware, Shaving Sets, Nickel-Silver Toast Racks, and a fine showing of China and Glassware.

Choice Gift Pieces at $1.50

Cut Glass, a rich assortment of useful China, Mission Book Racks, Fancy Brass Goods, and a few other desirable lines make an assortment worthy of your special attention.

Crowning Values on Our $2.00 Table

Silver Deposit Ware, Steins, Chocolate Sets, Three-Piece Tea Sets, Epergnes, Glass-Water Sets, Hand-Painted China and Cut Glass are some of the chief items. See them and you'll appreciate their worth.

Wouldn't You Like to Give Cut Glass?

If so, choose from "Libbey's" or the "Elite" brands—they are as good as hands can make them.

Visit our fairy showroom and judge for yourself whether or not cut glass is too expensive. The visit will be a pleasure and perhaps profitable, too.

Centre Tables in Many Pretty Designs

Solid oak in various finishes, mahogany finishes are to be had, and there is such a variety of shapes to select from that a written description seems out of the question here. See our window displays and visit the department for values much above the average.

McLintock's Quilts Are Ideal Presents

Seasonable—in fact can be put to immediate use—pretty and inexpensive. If we could find a better line, McLintock's Quilts would not be found in our stock.

Cot Sizes from $8.00 each down to only **$2.50**

Large Sizes at prices up to $42.50 from only....**$6.50**

No End of Beautiful China to Select From

Beautiful China Plates, Vases and other ornamental pieces imported from the leading Austrian, German and English manufacturers, make a goodly showing for the Christmas shopper to see. Moorcraft and Wedgwood art wares are always greatly appreciated by women of good taste.

Prices within reach of all.

HERE'S A VERY FINE LINE OF TUMBLERS, WINE GLASSES AND DECANTERS

Cut Glass Tumblers in three sizes. Per doz. $2.00 and **$1.75**

Engraved in a star pattern, lightweight. Per dozen **$1.25**

Plain Glass in various sizes and thicknesses. Per dozen $1.50, $1.00 and .....**75¢**

Wine Glasses are here in 15 different patterns, and there is a full line of different sizes in nearly all designs. Prices range from the most expensive cut glass down to as low as, per dozen .....**75¢**

Decanters start as low as 75c each, and range up to the best "Libbey's" cut glass, so there's lots to select from.

Here's a Display of Linens That Will Please Any Woman

Hemstitched Table Linen Sets consisting of one cloth 66x68 inches, and one dozen napkins, size 19x19 inches. Not less than 36 pretty patterns to select from, and all are in a reliable quality of Irish linen. The price is **$6.00**

Embroidered Tea Cloths and Runners come in a large assortment of sizes and attractive patterns. The prices will please even the most expectant shopper.

Striped Damask Napkins, size 12x12 inches, and finished with hemstitched edges, come at, per dozen **$7.50**

Embroidered Linen Bedspreads in a splendid assortment of designs, come in two sizes. Price of bedspreads 90x100 inches, $21.00, and 72x100 inches at **$17.50**

Plain Linen Embroidered Napkins with scalloped edges; size 14x14 inches, and a good line for afternoon teas or bridge parties. Per dozen **$6.00**

Embroidered Pillow Slips. You have three artistic patterns to select from, the quality is A1, and the size 22½x36 inches. Per pair **$3.00**

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Cushions Find a Welcome in Any Home

With Brocaded Covers of fine quality come at, each, $2.50 and **$2.00**

With Chintz Covers there is a nice assortment to select from at **$2.25**

Cushion Forms made to order in any size and at a moderate price.

SPORTING NEWS

WANDERERS CINCH BARNARD CUP

MARTIN STARS FOR SOLDIERS

Exciting Rugby Features Saturday's Matches at Oak Bay; Best Games of Season

Rallying in the last few minutes, with the score tied, the Wanderers defeated the rejuvenated James Bay Rugby team at Oak Bay on Saturday and practically won the championship of the Victoria Rugby Union, carrying with it the Barnard cup. The Wanderers have not lost a game to date; being six points above their nearest competitors, the Bays; Welsh club and Fifth regiment being tied for second place. Saturday's game was one of the finest matches ever witnessed in the Barnard cup series, the final score being 11 to 8.

Speed on the three-quarter line and ability to get the ball out of the scrums were the winning factors for the Wanderers, who never appeared in better form. The contest was a battle of the forward packs, the Bays putting up a surprisingly good fight, considering that many of the Law Students who have joined the Bays, were playing with men whose play they did not understand. Superior Rugby tactics also played a large part in the Victory, the Wanderers making few mistakes, while they were able to take advantage of any slips on the part of the J. B. A. A. pack. The tackling was very hard and the Bays covered themselves with glory by the manner in which they stopped the numerous passing rallies of the Wanderers.

Gillespie Stars.

Sholto Gillespie featured the game with one of the finest goal kicks ever witnessed at Oak Bay. He took a penalty kick from fully forty-five yards out and sent the oval spinning and twisting over the Wanderers' goal. Coming on top of a nice try by Matt Scott, who carried the leather across with a couple of Wanderers trying to pull him down, this kick gave the Bays a lead which took the Wanderers all their time in overcoming. A couple of brilliant three-quarter runs starting near the Bays' goal-line, evened up the score and the teams went into the second period on even terms. The Bays opened up the final half with a rush and for the better part of the time kept the ball within striking distance of the Wanderers' line. They lacked the scoring punch and the Wanderers by dint of short runs and well placed kicks, forced the play into the Bays' territory.

On a concerted passing movement in which Columbine, Baum and Dennison took part, the former went over for the winning try, but two minutes remaining to play. G. S. Grant, Baum and Denniston, were prominent for the Wanderers, Sholto Gillespie and Frank Galliher starring for the Bays. A. Hill handled the game well. The teams:

Wanderers—Fullback, A. F. Hudson; three-quarters, H. G. Humphreys, D. M. Grant, G. C. Grant and Beckton; halves, Chalk and A. Yates; forwards, Baum, Carstairs, Acland, Clarke, Patterson, Denniston, Collisson, Columbine.

James Bays—Fullback, Ken McDonald; three-quarters, Galliher, Vincent, M. Scott and Dixon; halves, Newcombe and Stewart; forwards, Sedger, F. Sweeney, Sprinkling, Houston, S. Gillespie, B. Scott, A. Milligan, B. Monteith.

Soldiers Win.

Scoring all three tries scored by the Fifth regiment, Carew Martin was the real star of Saturday's Rugby. The former Law Student three-quarter helped the Soldiers win their game from the Algerine squad by a score of 14 to 6, Lieutenant Martin being responsible for all three tries scored by the winning fifteen. The game was replete with daring runs by the three-quarters, and the Tars put up a plucky fight against big odds. The Regiment was in splendid form and with a strengthened back division, should make themselves felt in future games. The teams:

Algerine—Fullback, Davis; three-quarters, Lieut. Chalmers, Lieut. Flood, Curtis; halfbacks, Curtis and Evell; forwards, Verity, Miller, Woods, Law, Loddy, Peters, Lieut. Smithwick.

Regiment—Fullback, Gnr. A. Knox; three-quarters, Lieut. Martin, Pte. Meredith, Bombdr. D. C. Diespecker, Gnr. McMillan; halfbacks, Lieut. Sargison, Bombdr. L. C. Diespecker; forwards, Gnr. Heinekey (capt.), Hill, Sergt. Kroger, Cpl. McIltree, Cpl. Clark, Gnr. Williams, Gnr. Sanson, Gnr. Evans.

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Seats for Friday night's hockey feature at the Arena, went on sale this morning at Rowe and Poulins'.

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Victoria will have practically a new ball team, when Bert Delmas' gets through signing up phenoms.

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Walter Smaill sent his Y. M. C. A. amateurs against the pro. septette at the Arena, Saturday.

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Both the senior and intermediate soccer titles were collared by the Wards this season.

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Splendid tackling was in evidence in Saturday's match between the Bays and Wanderers.

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Eddie Oatman and Skinner Poulin are running a neck and neck race for the penalty honors.

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Handball is evidently taking a strong hold at the J. B. A. A., judging from the number of games played to date.

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Carew Martin's record of scoring every try that the Fifth Regiment secured on Saturday, will not easily be beaten.

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Wanderers three-quarter line worked in beautiful style against the Bays.

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Y. M. C. A. juniors defeated the Victoria West juniors, 3 to 1 at Macaulay Point.

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Tommy Dunderdale and Eddie Oatman have both notched seven goals in three games.

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There will be plenty of wrangling over the Northwestern League schedule, no matter who gets the most games.

OUT OF THE GAME

ERNIE JOHNSON

New Westminster, Dec. 22.—That Ernie Johnson, the sensational coverpoint of the local hockey team, may not be back in the game for another month, is the statement given out by the doctor attending the injured man Saturday. Johnson received serious injuries in Friday's game against Vancouver, which necessitated some fourteen stitches being taken in his left ankle and leg, the wound being received from the skate of Fred Harris.

With the next game ten days off, it is expected that Manager Ed. Savage will secure a spare man to take the place of Johnson until the "Moose" is able to again take the ice. A rumor is current that George Rochon, who played such a star game with New Westminster last winter, is on the point of changing his mind and turning in his lot with the Royals. Rochon is now in Swift Current.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Vancouver Must Be Stopped Friday.

While Westminster was only beaten by a single goal at the Royal City on Friday night, the victory of the Terminal City septette simply goes to show what a tremendous hockey juggernaut Vancouver has gathered together this season. They got away to a bad start by losing a game at home, but since then have proved themselves the class of the league. Their decisive win over the champions was largely due to the fact that Victoria had played three hard games in a row. It is now up to the champions to defeat the millionaires Friday night at the Arena, or the Vancouver septette will secure such a lead that it will be a tough job to shake them from the top of the ladder. The Royals would have won with any kind of team play, and as this is Victoria's trump card, Lester Patrick hopes to put over a winner by the combination that his proteges display. A win for the Victoria team will put them on an even footing with the other clubs in the league, with a chance of going ahead in their next game when Westminster play here on January 2.

Wanderers Cinch Barnard Cup Title.

There are few, if any, Rugby followers who begrudge the Wanderers the city Rugby championship, after the struggle that they put up against the Bays. This victory puts the Wanderers far into the lead, and as the team is right now travelling at top speed, it looks an impossibility to head off this team. The dropping out of the Law Students weakened the opposition to the Wanderers, and while the Fifth regiment has a very capable team, they do not appear strong enough to head off the present leaders. The Bays have a grand team now, but their two defeats will be hard to make up, particularly as the Wanderers have not lost a game to date. Interest in Rugby is being revived, as a result of the strengthening of the different teams, and when Victoria next fields a representative Rugby fifteen to battle for the McKechnie cup there should be little difficulty in rounding out a winning Rugby aggregation.

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J. A. Rithet Defeats D'Arcy Martin by Single Shot

Piling up a lead of six strokes on the morning round, J. A. Rithet captured the Challoner & Mitchell cup at the Oak Bay links on Saturday in an exciting finish, D'Arcy Martin, the runner-up, losing out by a single stroke in a 36-hole match. The contest was a thriller, and the winner had to fight hard to retain the advantage which he had gained in the first round of the course. Mr. Rithet started the match in grand form and soon secured a big lead. In the afternoon the tables were reversed, though Mr. Rithet succeeded in winning the match and trophy.

Thirty-two caddies are competing this afternoon for a number of prizes contributed by the club members in an annual match, and on December 26 a handicap tournament will be held. A men's foursome Calcutta handicap is also on the cards before the end of the month.

WILL GO EAST.

James M. Barnes, professional of the Tacoma Country and Golf club, announced last night that he had accepted the recent offer of the White Marsh Valley Country club of Philadelphia, and he will report to the directors of that organization in April.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—It was stated positively later that Toronto would not replace Cleveland on the Federal circuit, which now comprises Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Buffalo and Baltimore.

RUGBY LEADERS

SENIOR RESULTS.

Wanderers, 11; J. B. A. A., 8.
Fifth Regiment, 14; Algerine, 6.

Standing.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Wanderers	4	0	0	8
James Bays	1	2	0	2
Welsh Club	1	1	0	2
Fifth Regiment	1	3	0	2
Algerine	0	1	1	0

INTERMEDIATE RESULTS.

J. B. A. A., 12; Law Students, 6.

Standing.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
High School	3	0	0	6
J. B. A. A.	2	1	0	4
Law Students	1	1	1	3
University	1	1	1	3
Wanderers	0	3	0	0

BOUT POSTPONED.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, said yesterday that the injury to his left arm would necessitate the postponement of his fight with Frank Moran, of Pittsburg, till March or June.

ARENA **Hockey**

Vancouver vs. Victoria

FRIDAY (DECEMBER 26)

8.30 P.M.

Seats now on sale at Rowe & Poulin, 1413 Government Street, and at "Arena."

TOUR OLD COUNTRY.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 22.—It has been arranged to take a soccer team to Great Britain in the new year. It will be mostly composed of Toronto players. The team will play several of the leading teams in Scotland and England, including the Rangers, and Celtic, and Aston Villa, also Tottenham. All arrangements are made, providing they get affiliation. The team will sail on January 10.

BEAVER RECRUIT.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—Walter Watts, a local high school ball player, has signed a contract to play with the Vancouver Northwestern League team next season. Watts is a short-stop.

SPORTING NEWS (CONTINUED)

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE CLUBS SQUABBLE OVER NEW SCHEDULE

Seattle Asks for Lion's Share of 1914 Dates; Jones Re-elected President

Tealey Raymond's Seattle club will undergo many changes before the team takes the field for the opening of the Northwestern ball league next season. Dugdale has the following youngsters and veterans in line for trials: Percy McCay, Bakersfield, Cal.; Frank Decanierre, former Vancouver twirler; Duddy, infielder, Butte; C. O. Nelson, infielder, Portland; Will Johnson, outfielder, Chatanooga; Streeter, outfielder, Jackson, Mich.; Borgeson, infielder, Seattle; Fullerton, infielder, Binghampton, N. Y.; L. J. Edwards, McMinnville, Ore.; Russell Harry, Gull Lake, Sask.

It is understood that Leo Strait will be traded by the Tillkums for a hard hitting outfielder who will stay off the suds diet for the summer. Syracuse offers E. J. Good, outfielder, in exchange for Strait.

Lou Nordyke, the former Victoria first sacker, may go to Edmonton club, of the Twilight League, as manager, and hold down the initial bag.

Bob Brown says there is no truth in the report that he will unload his Vancouver club on Charlie Mullen and hike for the American association. Brown intends to stick on the coast.

Charles Argogast, the Los Angeles backstop, has been placed on the market by the Angels, now that the latter have secured Harry Meek.

Venice has offered Meloan, a hard hitting outfielder, formerly with the Chicago White Sox, to several of the Northwestern league clubs.

Dugdale has a scheme in the back of his head to organize another league with Bellingham, Everett, Marysville, Anacortes, Auburn, Snohomish and Seattle in it to take care of the young ball players who are not quite ripe for the Northwestern league and to furnish games when the Seattle team is on the road.

By the terms of the agreement, reached between Ebbetts and Herrmann, Tinker is to go to Brooklyn for $15,000. In return the Brooklyn club is to pay Tinker $10,000 after signing with the club. The agreement further provides that the Cincinnati club is to have an option on Pitcher Yingling for $8,500, and on Outfielder Moran for $4,000. Second Baseman Dick Egan, of the Cincinnati club, was transferred to Brooklyn for $5,000. The option on Yingling and Moran is to hold until January 7.

Portland, Dec. 22.—Discussion over the schedule for the 1914 season took up the greater part of the time at the Northwestern League annual meeting, which opened yesterday. The delegates are all asking for more games, and with Seattle sitting tight for seventeen weeks of baseball, the situation is almost dead locked. President Fielder Jones will head the league for another year, while the clubs appointed the same directors as last year with the exception of Hoe Cohen, the former Spokane magnate. The latter retires in favor of F. C. Farr, the new head of the Spokane baseball club.

Numerous trades are talked of, but nothing has yet been given out officially, and the schedule will not be announced until the teams are fully satisfied with the dates offered.

ULRICH ANXIOUS TO START MATCH

Big Demand Features Opening of Seat Sale for Pro. Game

Silent Jack Ulrich may be given a chance for half the game against the Terminals, Manager Patrick being determined to judge whether this youth is worth keeping or not. Ulrich is a pretty stick handler and skater, but does not seem to be able to settle down in a big game. The team will start out on Friday night as they did against Vancouver, when the latter ran up such a big score on the champions. The defence is playing better together, while the forwards are checking back as never before.

Judging from the rush that opened the seat sale this morning, there will be a capacity crowd at the Arena Friday night. The showing of the Vancouver club in their last few games, and the fact that they possess such drawing cards as Cyclone Taylor, Didier Pitre and Si Griffis, is sure to pull a bumper house. Hugh Lehman, of Westminster, will probably handle the game, with Eddie Oatman or Ran MacDonald as his assistant.

Manager Walter Smaill, of the Y. M. C. A. septette, has had his City League champions out a couple of times against the pro.'s, and he figures that his team will be the better of a few stiff practices against such opposition. The Christians are eager to win the British Columbia championship this year, with a trip eastwards after the Allan cup prospect.

The Maritime Hockey Association clubs have agreed to all but one of the clauses suggested by the N. A. A. in the peace agreement. This will be adjusted this week. Peace thus reigns all over the hockey map.

The New Glasgow club will appeal to the commission for the return of Allan Wilson, who, they now declare, they would not sell under any circumstances. Emmett Quinn has already given Ottawa the decision.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—"Newsy" Lalonde has signed with the Canada hockey team and will be in his place when the N. H. A. season opens next Saturday evening. Art Ross and Hyland are still "holdouts" with the Wanderers and it begins to look as if they were out of hockey for this season.

LANGFORD DEFEATS JEANNETTE AT PARIS

Paris, Dec. 22.—Sam Langford, the negro heavyweight pugilist, of Boston, was awarded the decision on points over Joe Jeanette, of New York, at the end of a twenty-round contest held here.

The bout was considered in France to be for the heavyweight championship of the world. Langford forced the fighting throughout the battle. Jeannette took a count of nine three times in the thirteenth round, and at the end of the twentieth round was barely able to stand. In the twelfth, fifteenth and nineteenth rounds Jeanette landed hard blows on his opponent, but they were ineffective. Jeanette's gameness frequently brought cheers from the spectators.

Glossop was beaten 7 to 0 by Woolwich Arsenal, in the second division, Saturday.

THOMAS LEADS IN HANDBALL LEAGUE

Thomas is leading the J. B. A. A. club handball league, though Andrews and Muller are close up. The standing to date is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
Andrews	3	1
Kennedy	0	1
Raymur	2	1
Thomas	6	0
Travis	0	1
Falconer	6	4
Lorimer	1	2
Muller	3	1
Dorman	1	3
Flett	3	4
Morley	0	4
Diespecker	1	2
Beeston	0	2

WON GOLD BUTTON

A. E. Ashe Leads Civilian Riflemen With a Possible; Other Scores.

Forty cards were returned in the weekly class shoot of the Civilian Rifle Association on Saturday at their miniature range. H. E. Ashe won the gold button in class A with a possible, a score which he repeated during the evening.

Scores were as follows:

Class A.

A. E. Ashe	100
C. A. Blomfield	99
Capt. E. J. Gollop	99
G. Grassby	99
E. Macdougall	99
R. S. Greig	98
M. Lohbrunner	98
A. C. Kennedy	96
P. Edmonds	95
W. H. Denison	89

Class B.

H. Burton	96
E. E. Hardwick	94
C. F. Hutchinson	89
H. W. Oliver	88

Class C.

E. Ruttan	97
W. H. Wood	96
P. A. Macdougall	95
L. Walker	94
D. Macdougall	93
F. Fleury	90
F. G. Shenfield	90
A. A. Codd	89
G. S. Williams	88
B. G. Walker	87
W. T. McGibbon	84
F. Butterfield	84
G. W. Harper	81

The spoon competition takes place next Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. All scores are fired on the 25-yard range with .22 rifles.

AMERICAN TENNIS RANKING FOR 1913

New York, Dec. 22.—Maurice E. McLaughlin, of California, is placed at the top of the list by the ranking tennis committee. McLaughlin was largely responsible for the lifting of the Davis Cup by the American team in England. Norris Williams, also a member of the Davis Cup team, is placed second. McLoughlin and T. C. Bundy are ranked as the leaders in the doubles. Miss Mary Browne, of California, is placed at the head of women players. This is the first time an official rank for women has been announced. Harold Hackett, third member of the team which lifted the Davis Cup, was not mentioned in the list of players. The first ten in each class follow: Singles: Maurice E. McLaughlin, California; R. E. Norris Williams, Philadelphia; Wm. J. Clothier, Philadelphia; Wm. M. Johnstone, California; Theodore Roosevelt Pell, New York; Nathaniel W. Miles, Boston; Wallace F. Johnson, Philadelphia; Gustave F. Touchard, New York; Geo. P. Gardner, jr., Boston; John B. Strachan, California.

Doubles: McLoughlin and T. C. Bundy; J. R. Strachan and C. J. Griffin, California; G. F. Touchard and Wm. Washburn, New York; R. D. Little and T. R. Pell, New York; G. M. Church and Dean Mathey, New York; N. W. Niles and U. S. Dabner, Boston; W. J. Clothier and G. P. Gardner, jr., Philadelphia and Boston; P. T. Byford and R. D. Burnick, Chicago; J. C. Tyler and F. S. Brain, New York.

Women: Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. B. O. Bruce, California; Miss Florence Sutton, California; Mrs. Marshall McLean, New York; Mrs. Robert Williams, Chicago; Miss Marie Wagner, New York; Mrs. Benjamin F. Briggs, Philadelphia; Mrs. Edith Roche, Boston; Miss Anneta Myers, California; Miss Gwendolyn Rees, Minnesota.

WARDS CAPTURE ANOTHER TITLE

Empires Beaten in Close Match at North Ward Park

League Results.

Wards, 1; Empires, 0.
Wests, 2; Navy, 1.
Pandora, 2; Men's Own, 2.

Standing.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Wards	9	0	1	19
Wests	6	2	1	13
Empires	6	3	1	13
Navy	5	5	0	10
Pandoras	3	6	1	7
Men's Own	0	9	2	2

A new star has risen in local soccer, and the North Ward football enthusiasts are to-day rejoicing in the second championship to be chalked up to the credit of the blue and white this season. The unbeatable intermediate eleven won their 'steenth consecutive championship Saturday at the expense of the Empires, whom they defeated 1 to 0 in a splendidly contested match. The game took place at North Ward park in the presence of a large gathering, and the champions were extended all the way to win. The superior combination of the Wards and their speed proved too much for the Empires, though the latter eleven made many dangerous rushes.

Thistles won from the Sons of England eleven in Saturday's benefit game at Beacon Hill, the score being 1 to 0. The Sons never struck their real stride, while on the other hand the Thistles certainly earned the victory on their play. The proceeds of the game will go towards several members of the competing teams who have been injured in the season just closed, quite a good collection being taken up.

The selection of the Scottish team to play the Englishmen in the Thomas benefit match on Christmas day was announced as follows: J. M. Anderson, J. Newlands, D. Sinclair, J. Davidson, J. Niven, J. M. Allen, R. Caskie, T. Peden, A. Inglis, A. H. P. Muir; reserves, J. McGhie, G. Allan and J. Conlin. The game will be between teams of all-stars and will be played at Beacon Hill, commencing at 10.15 o'clock.

Duncan's football representatives gave the Bays a hard fight on Saturday, the J. B. A. A. eleven winning 1 to 0, at Duncan. The home team proved surprisingly strong, and the victory was in doubt until the final whistle sounded.

A meeting of the Sons of England will be held at the Victoria hotel to-night to prepare plans for the Island League.

Tinker drew down only $15,000, though Brooklyn has given the Reds options on several promising players.

BADMINTON PRACTICE.

The Regimental Sergeants' Mess, 5th C. B. A., will hold its weekly badminton practice on Monday evening, December 22, at the drill hall courts.

CANUCK WINS.

Sam Clapham, lately of Calgary, the champion light-heavyweight wrestler of England, was thrown at Vernon by Clarence Eklund, of Kelowna, middleweight champion of Canada.

VAISE SICK.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The scheduled 15-round bout between Frenchy Vaise, the northwestern lightweight, and Johnny O'Leary, which Promoter Gregory Mitchell planned to stage on next Friday night, is off.

Vaise arrived last night from his home in Renton, Wash. He is suffering from a bad cold, which threatens to develop into pneumonia, according to his physician.

It is possible that Promoter Mitchell will substitute Eddie Campi and Roy Moore.

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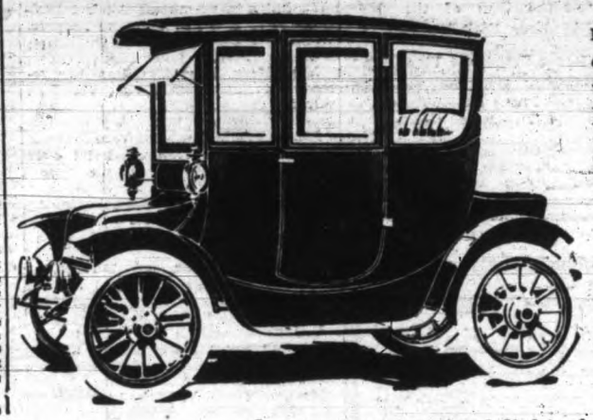

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15c Canned Tomatoes, now ..... 5¢
15c Canned Peas ..... 5¢
5c Brands of Soap, now ..... 2¢
15c Tins Herring ..... 6¢
45c Bottles Lime Juice ..... 13¢
35c Bottles Olive Oil; labels are soiled. 9¢

Men's and Boys' Furnishings Given Away

Men's Shirts; regular prices to $1.00. Now ..... 19¢
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Men's Underwear; worth to $1.50. Now ..... 45¢
Men's Handkerchiefs; worth to 15c. Now ..... 2¢
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Gloves worth to 75c, now ..... 14¢
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50c Children's Overalls for ..... 19¢
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50c Cuff Buttons ..... 14¢
$3.00 Toilet Sets ..... 98¢
$1.00 Alarm Clocks ..... 39¢
$2.00 Fountain Pens ..... 49¢

Shoes Given Away

$3.00 Ladies' Shoes ..... 89¢
$3.50 Shoes, Men's and Ladies $1.49
$1.50 Ladies' Slippers ..... 49¢
$1.00 Men's Rubbers ..... 39¢
$2.00 and $2.50 Boys' Shoes ..... 98¢
$5.00 High-Top Shoes $1.98

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Ladies' Handkerchiefs, worth to 25c, for ..... 3¢
12c and 15c Ginghams and 10c Prints, now, per yard ..... 6¢
15c Flannelette. Now, a yard, for ..... 7¢
25c and 50c Dress Goods; now, per yard ..... 16¢
20c Pillow Slips ..... 7¢
Shawls, worth to $3.50; now for only ..... 98¢
Children's Hose, worth to 25c; now ..... 6¢
5c Pins; now ..... 1¢
5c Hairpins, now ..... 2¢
15c and 25c Towels, now for ..... 6¢
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50c Ladies' Gloves ..... 14¢
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

(All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.)

J. Lange, of Vancouver, is at the Empress hotel.

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J. Roberts, of Glacier, is staying at the Empress hotel.

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G. A. Harris, of Duncan, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

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Mrs. Caskett, of Chemainus, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

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W. B. Cochrane, of Grand Forks, is staying at the Empress hotel.

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Mrs. Lloyd S. Manly, of Grand Forks, is staying at the Empress.

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E. R. Robinson, of New Westminster, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

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H. W. Wigley is registered at the Empress hotel from Winslow, Eng.

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A. J. Bliss, of Lethbridge, is among those staying at the Empress hotel.

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Miss May Hamilton is settled in her new piano studio, 524 Michigan street.

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P. Miles, a prominent Alberni business man, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

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Mrs. Mary Riter Hamilton has removed to her new studio, 514 Fort street.

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Miss Cordelia Grylls, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress hotel over Christmas.

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A. O. MacRae, of Calgary, is staying at the Empress hotel during his visit in the city.

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James J. Warren, of Toronto, is among the guests registered at the Empress hotel.

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D. Slatcher arrived in the city to-day from Vancouver. He is staying at the Dominion hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Perks have moved into their new home at 311 Moss street, corner Fairfield terrace.

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Fred T. Moore, of Vancouver, spent the week-end in the capital, and stayed at the Empress hotel.

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R. W. Jennings and his wife and daughter are guests at the Empress hotel from Juneau, Alaska.

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Major and Mrs. Cecil Simonds have left Battery street and are at the James Bay hotel for the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pendray, of Saskatchewan, are spending Christmas with their aunt, Mrs. W. J. Pendray.

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Mrs. C. Roberts, of Frostburg, is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Pendray, 309 Belleville street.

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P. E. Graves and Mrs. Graves, of Port Angeles, arrived in the city to-day. They are registered at the Dominion hotel.

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A party from New York, who registered at the Empress hotel on Sunday, comprised J. H. Parks, Mrs. Parks and Miss Parks.

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Mrs. Rathom left on Thursday for Seattle en route to Southern California and Arizona, where she will spend the winter months.

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Chas. A. Uggla, a leading business man, of Stockholm, who is making a tour of the Pacific coast, was a guest at the Empress hotel over night.

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The Hon. Manuel S. Quezon, delegate from the Philippines in congress, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday with his secretary, M. S. Bishop.

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Mrs. Pigott has recently returned to this city after being absent for more than a year, during which time she has taken a tour round the world. Mrs. Pigott will in future make her home with her son, A. H. Pigott, on Runnymede avenue.

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Messrs. C. N. Westwood, R. E. McKeon and J. E. Newman (the latter a former member of the Times and Colonist editorial staffs), returned to their homes in the city yesterday for the holidays, from Portland, Oregon, where they are attending the North Pacific college of dentistry.

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Miss Lillian Preston, who recently resigned her position as teacher of domestic science at the Girl's Central school, left the city on Saturday afternoon for Calgary, where on Monday she is to be united in marriage to Mr. R. Roy Davidson, LL.D., a promising young barrister and politician of Lethbridge, Alberta. Miss Preston is the daughter of a prominent barrister of Napanee, Ontario. Presents from local people include a valuable collection of silverware presented at a surprise party made by a number of the young lady teachers of the Central and George Jay schools. The girls of her class from the South Park school also presented her with a handsome cut-glass dish, while her classes at the Girl's Central school gave her a very handsome silver fern dish and other gifts. On Saturday she was accompanied to the C. P. R. wharf by a large number of her young lady friends, who went to say good-bye, and to wish her every happiness in her new position in charge of the domestic science department of her home on the frozen prairies of Alberta.

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Hon. J. S. Helmcken will not receive on New Year's eve.

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Fred Landsberg, accompanied by his daughter Beatrice, left Friday to spend the holiday season in San Francisco.

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Mr. Henry Pearce left on Saturday last for Southern California, and intends later to go on from there to his villa at Lugano, on the Italian lakes, where he will join his family. Mrs. Pearce and her two daughters have been staying at Lugano since they left Oak Bay last spring, and contemplate returning to Victoria next summer.

CANADIAN CELEBRITIES
MADAME STEPHENS.

The liner put out from the long concrete pier at Quebec about noon, heading down past the isle of Orleans, on her way to the sea and Liverpool. The passengers, as yet unacquainted with one another—except the steerage and second class, who are more trusting in their fellows—began to stroll out on deck, looking for the deck chairs which the deck-steward had reserved for them, settling themselves for the voyage. Those who had taken their seats inspected those who paraded past them, and speculated as to who these shipmates were, secretly.

There emerged presently a great, massive figure of a woman, swathed in a soft, clinging sort of overcoat, with a fine woolen Tam-o'-Shanter fixed on the great coils of raven hair that lay above and about a dark-skinned face lit by sultry eyes, marked by a fine bold nose and a fine, full, firm mouth.

"Who is that one?" asked the others. "Who can that be? She seems a little foreign. But she is—is she not beautiful?"

The woman moved, unconsciously, with the movement of a lioness. There was something dramatic in the very way her head was poised, and the calm of the dark eyes was like foreboding of all manner of hidden capacity for emotion.

But presently, from behind, came a rather stoutish man, of middle height, with a round, somewhat Irish type of face, twinkling glasses and a smile just hovering near the corners of his mouth. He approached, took the woman's arm, and with a sort of boyish tug at her arm, led her briskly off in a walk around the deck.

"Ah!" sighed the lookers-on, who had pretended not to see the light that broke out from the dark eyes when her companion approached. "Ah! Then that is she! That is Madame Stephens. That is Mrs. George Washington Stephens!"

At first, before the vessel had left the Rimouski lights behind, they were afraid of her. The women passengers were curious to see her dresses—but she dressed always more simply than anyone else. They wanted to talk to her and hear her talk. But they were afraid. Madame Stephens? They had heard of her before, of her charming Italian personality, of her wit, her vivacity, her success as a hostess, her knowledge of music, of art—and of the great art of entertaining. But, woman-like, they dared not speak, and when she passed they were looking another way.

But on the second morning a little girl—perhaps sixteen—was sitting in her steamer chair when suddenly she was caught by the hand, and a great mellow womanly voice cried:

"Come! Come along! Come and walk with me."

"With you, Madame?" exclaimed the child. "Oh——"

And away they went together, round the deck. After that the child would enjoy herself with no one else. She brought other children—and they sat at the feet of the big woman with the deep soft voice, and were content, girl-like, just to be near her. They brought their elder sisters, and their sisters brought their mothers, and before the pilot came aboard on the other side of the Atlantic, Madame Stephens was the friend of everyone. She was the moving spirit in every prank—it was she who arranged the concert that voyage. Youth and old age joined in rendering tribute to the kindly, laughing, story-telling Italian wife of George Washington Stephens, at that time chairman of the Montreal harbor commission, and at all times prominent as an authority in respect to shipping and one of the very rich men of Canada.

In the winter of 1908-'09 Major Stephens went abroad for a sort of business holiday. In February he returned with the eldest daughter of Signor S. Bisacchidi Belminte, of Naples, as his wife. There was thus added to the notable women of the city of Montreal another and a most distinguished member. Madame Stephens had already won distinction in Paris and in the other great musical centres of Europe for her great ability as a musician. Her advent in Montreal was therefor all the more important; she is now the representative in Canada of the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music, both of London. The bachelor life of one of the most prominent men in Montreal changed to that of a host assisted by a miraculous hostess. The soirees of Madame Stephens became famous. One was sure to meet interesting people there and to be entertained as only one who has the instinct for it can entertain guests. In music, in art, in literature, in her knowledge of men and affairs, she became par excellence the hostess of Montreal.

Madame Stephens—whose maiden name was Rosalind Wilhelmina—is one of the most interesting personalities in the Dominion, if not indeed in an even wider field. She does not pretend to club activities, the reading of papers on domestic or sociological problems, or the politics of women's organizations. Her power lies, to a very large extent at least, in the ability to converse with all sorts of people and to hold their interest and win their confidence. Madame Stephens is the kind of woman whom some men call "wholesome," but who is at the same time not lacking in the more commonly reverenced and perhaps more engaging qualities of her sex. She is at once dignified and yet so greatly mistress of herself as to be able on occasion to ignore any and every convention without appearing to do so.

On the particular voyage to which the opening of this article has reference, Madame Stephens was the only woman who ventured into the smoking room. Thither she repaired with Major Stephens in the evening, and with him sat in an alcove with perhaps three other men, playing bridge. Other women could not have done it, yet they recognized that Madame Stephens could and that in her it was an agreeable thing to observe.

It is told of Madame Stephens that in the early days of her marriage the Major was called out of town on business. He was kept away longer than had been expected, and finally word came that he was ill, in the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec.

"Ill!" Was Madame Stephens—Rosalind Belminte that had been—to wait and take a regular train to Quebec? She ordered a special. She and her maid motored swiftly down, and Madame Stephens, part girl but mostly woman, was rushed to Quebec at top speed.

"Eh!" she muttered, as at the hotel she waited for the lift, "I suppose they have put him on the roof that it may take me the longest time to reach there. Ah, well!"

Once, on that outward voyage from Quebec, Madame sought information concerning a missing trunk key, or something of the sort, from Major Stephens, who was then playing cards in the smoking room. It was late and the Major was deeply engrossed in the cards. The smoking-room was jammed and the steward was somewhere out of sight.

"Come," said Madame Stephens to a small boy who had accompanied her on deck, "we shall call him." Then, chuckling with mischief, she directed the lowering of the deck-hose through the open skylight down into the very centre of the bridge-playing group.

"What's that?" exclaimed the men.

"That!" echoed the chairman of the harbor commission. "By Jove! It's Madame Stephens. I told her I would bring the key and I forgot all about it."

And on deck, waiting for the key, Madame Stephens was laughing at the prank which she had inspired.

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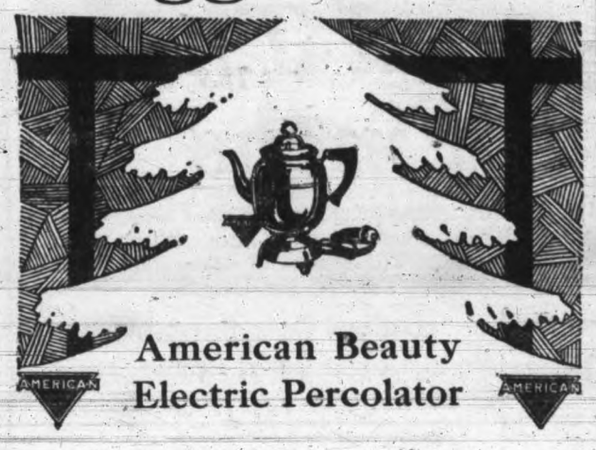

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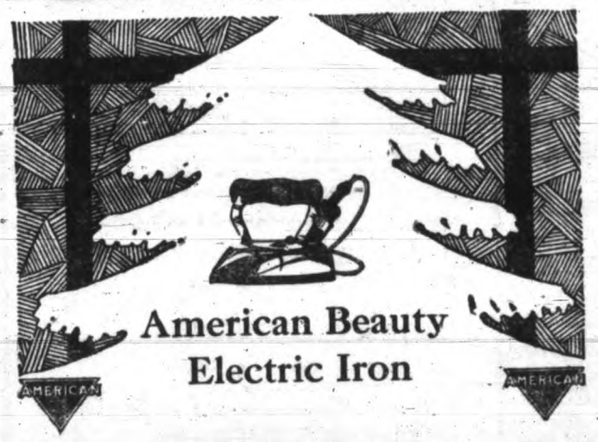

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It is difficult to realize that only nineteen years have gone by since the rebellion in Korea justified the intervention of Japan, a country whose proud people had remembered with sharp indignation the incidents at Seoul in 1884, which eventually led to the Chino-Japanese war. The inevitable result of that war, of the struggle ten years later with Russia over the Chosen peninsula, was the annexation of Korea by the Japanese and the extinction of the Li dynasty in the hermit kingdom in 1910.

Now after two years or more under direct control the governor-general, Count General Terauchi, has issued the annual report on the progress and economic conditions in Korea, which shows the marvellous progress made in the country under Japanese administration. The very names have gone, the venerable capital is known in the official documents as Keijo, and Korea is the Chosen of the Japanese. In a population of fourteen millions of Koreans spread over some 14,000 ri, or 35,000 square miles, little more than twice the area of Vancouver island, there are a quarter of a million Japanese, concentrated chiefly in the principal cities and in the ports.

Sixty-five per cent. of the trade of the peninsula is in the hands of the Japanese, and in order to meet the exigencies of taking care of that trade, the physical character of the ports are being developed. Harbor works which would do justice to a western country have been started, notably at Fusan, the terminal on the Broughton strait of the Manchurian-Korean railway, the ocean terminal of a transcontinental railway since the opening of the Yalu river bridge in November, 1911, which connects China with Korea at Antung. Over 700 miles of railways are open in the peninsula.

So thorough has been the encouragement of agricultural, sericultural and other developments that the holding of cattle shows, the distribution of prize poultry and the teaching of textile trades are all familiar works in the country. Education has been co-ordinated and extended, and the schools are graded, many of the younger men finding their opportunity for higher education in the universities of Japan.

Peonage has been checked, and the rate of wages for both native and Japanese workmen has increased. Roads have been constructed, streets paved in the towns, and modern improvements added. And so thoroughly up-to-date is the Japanese government that the water power resources of the rivers likely to give hydraulic energy have been surveyed, while the forests have been conserved to the state. Only the inner enclosures round the royal tombs, which nearly always occur in the sacred groves, have been transferred to Prince Li's household.

Religious teaching is under the control of the administration, many Christian denominations having missionaries at work, while the ancient faiths hold sway in a land where Buddhism, Confucianism and Shintoism meet on the battle frontier of warring faiths.

The brigand has been exterminated, or forced to take to the mountains beyond the Yalu, and civil and criminal courts have been established throughout the country. Municipal administrations have been established in the principal settlements, with the intention of ultimately absorbing them into the general plan of the Korean government. With all this progress steps have been taken to preserve the ancient monuments and traditions of the race. Verily Japan as a colonizing nation can take its place by the side of the older nations of Europe!

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 22.—5 a. m.—A storm area of great energy developed yesterday on the British Columbia and American coasts, causing heavy gales on the outside waters, with wind velocities of 56 miles from the east at Tatoosh and 48 miles at the Columbia river. Heavy rain has fallen on the American coast, nearly two inches at Red Bluff, Cal., and over one at San Francisco. In the prairie provinces the pressure is high in Manitoba, but low in Alberta and Saskatchewan; the weather is chiefly fair but very cold, with temperatures not much above zero in many districts.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with probably occasional rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.60; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, 28; minimum, 22; wind, 6 miles E.; weather, part cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 22 miles W.; rain, 1.12; weather, part cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.34; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, part cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 8; minimum, 6; wind, 4 miles S. E.; snow, .09; weather, cloudy.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 8; minimum, 2; wind, 10 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday:

Temperature.

Highest	42
Lowest	35
Average	38

Bright sunshine, 4 hours 30 minutes.
General state of weather, fine.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday:

Temperature.

Highest	41
Lowest	34
Average	37

Bright sunshine, 1 hour 36 minutes.
General state of weather, fair.

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Baskets for many uses
Brassware
Books, for the kiddies
Cushion
Cushion Cover, leather
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Centrepieces
Coats, for ladies and children.
Dance Frocks
Dress Fabrics
Doilies
Delaine Waist Length
Evening Wrap
Evening Slippers
Furs
Fichu
Fancy Linens
Golf Jersey
Handkerchiefs
Hose, silk or cashmere
Jersey Dress for the "tot"
Gloves
Lace Collar
Linens
Mesh Bag
Millinery
Muffler
Neckwear
Night-Gowns, French hand-embroidered.
Opera Bag
Opera Cloak
Perfume
Pin Cushion
Pyjamas, ladies', misses' and children's
Raincoat
Suit
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STREET CAR FARES ARE HIGHEST HERE

Interesting Comparison With Rates Charged in Other Cities of American Continent

The question of service and rates given the public by the B. C. Electric railway company is exercising the people of the mainland at present, and committees are or have been looking into the matter from various aspects. In this city a committee of the city council is preparing a report on the inadequacy of the street car service in the matter of cars and hours for submission to the provincial minister of railways. The first report was returned by the chief engineer of the department for further and more detailed information.

A comparison of the rates charged for street car tickets and the privileges given seventeen cities on the continent with those given in Victoria and Vancouver, shows that the fares are invariably lower than in this city or in the mainland city, that workmen's tickets do not exceed three and one-half cents, that the hours within which these may be used are not as restricted as they are here, and that Victorians pay more for light and power than do the people of the principal American cities.

The cities with which the comparison is made are Galveston, Tex.; Toronto, Ont.; Montreal, Que.; Edmonton, Alta.; Chicago, Ill.; Winnipeg, Man.; Portland, Ore.; St. Paul, Minn.; Boston, Mass.; New Orleans, La.; Salt Lake City, Utah; London, Ont.; New York, N. Y.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Sacramento, Cal.; Cincinnati, O.; Denver, Colo. The questions asked from each of these and the answers as summarized were as follow:

1. How many tickets for 25 cents are sold in your city?

Out of seventeen replies the answer was six in each case against Victoria's five.

2. How many workmen's tickets for 25 cents, and length of time morning and evening that they can be used?

Five cities sell workmen's tickets, the average price being 3.5 cents each. The shortest time they can be used daily is three and one-half hours; the longest four and one-half hours. Victoria sells white (workmen's tickets), in conjunction with green (unlimited), five each for 40 cents. The use of the white tickets is restricted to two hours daily—before 8 a. m.

3. Price of school children's tickets.

The price ranges from 2½ to 5 cents, with the average about 2.7 cents each. Victoria sells tickets of this description for 2.5 cents each.

4. What is the longest ride for one fare in miles?

Practically twelve. In Vancouver the longest ride for a single fare is six miles. Here one can ride from the Uplands to Esquimalt, about seven miles.

5. What is the area in square miles which can be reached on one fare?

Salt Lake City, Utah, gave 100; St. Paul, Minn., gave 36; Vancouver, 13½. Here it would be about ten.

6. Is any additional charge made for transfers?

New York city is the only city which charges for transfers.

7. Does the street railway company in your city also sell light and power?

Eight cities do—some outright, others through subsidiary companies.

8. If so, what are the rates per kilowatt hours for power? For light?

In some cases the answers did not differentiate between light and power. Galveston, Texas, gives 15 cents per kilowatt hour; Portland, Ore., 9 to 4 cents; Salt Lake City, Utah, 10c. for light down to 1½ cents for power. In Victoria the rates are from 11c. down to 4c. for light, and from 7c. down to 2c. for power.

9. Have the fares, power or light charges been increased during the past twelve months? If so, how much?

The answer is no in every case.

10. Are the street railway, light and power companies private concerns or municipally owned?

Sixteen are private companies. Edmonton is the only city reporting a municipally-owned street railway and light and power plants. In Galveston the city owns the lighting plant. Toronto has the government-controlled hydro-electric plant. In Chicago, while privately-owned, the city gets 55 per cent. net receipts.

In no city of the continent have fares or rates been increased except here and in Vancouver. In Salt Lake City a company has practically a monopoly on light, power and traction for the next fifty years, yet six tickets are sold for 25 cents; workmen's tickets, fifty for $1.25, and the one-fare rule is operative over an area of approximately 100 square miles.

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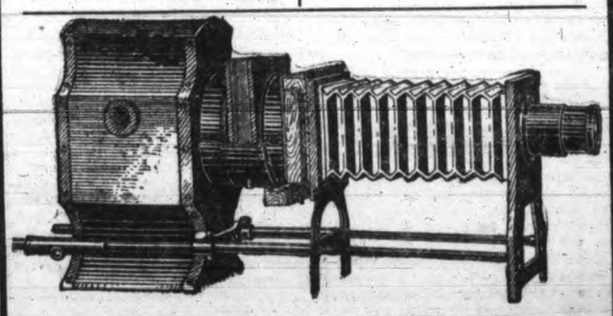

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PRINCIPLE OF MANY LICENSES AT STAKE

Future of Transfers Before License Commissioners To-day; Houses Involved

An important licensing session, adjourned from December 10, was opened at the city hall this afternoon, to deal with the applications for transfers from premises to premises, and of saloon licenses attached to old premises into hotel licenses with the new buildings completed.

Chief objection will be taken to the Leland hotel, in view of the fact that the new location is the Wright block, close to the North Ward school. A number of objections have been lodged to the application, and considerable argument is expected.

A new application of this character also affecting Douglas street is the transfer of the Regent saloon license to the Scott block.

Others mentioned on Wednesday week, which have to be heard are:

Ship Inn, Wharf street, to Lincoln apartments; Princess saloon, Herald street, to Borden hotel, Fort street; Northern bar, 818 Yates street, to 570 Yates street; Everett's Exchange saloon to Carlton hotel.

Premises altered include the Murphy's saloon, Elk saloon, Jubilee saloon, Bank Exchange saloon, White Horse, and Manitoba bar.

The New England license is in rather a different position, in that the proprietor has already a restaurant license, but desires the full license of the Excelsior saloon next door, which it is proposed to extinguish. The point arises whether he can hold the restaurant license if he is given the hotel license, or whether it must lapse.

Plans of the hotels affected were lodged on Saturday with the clerk to the license commissioners.

RETURNS FROM ORIENT

J. A. Cavanagh Has Been on Business Trip in the Far East—Some Impressions.

A business trip from which J. A. Cavanagh, the well-known realty man, returned on the Empress of Asia yesterday, has convinced him that the political and commercial conditions in China are still far from settled.

Mr. Cavanagh, while visiting the treaty ports, meeting business men in Hongkong and Shanghai, found a good deal of uncertainty exist as to the life of the republic. He says that the attitude of the president appears to be paving the way to a dictatorship, or military rule. The Chinese do not seem to appreciate the benefits of democratized government, and the abolition of the Chinese parliament now contemplated is no surprise to anyone.

Mr. Cavanagh also visited Canton, and generally made the fullest use of his time while in the country. Japan naturally attracted him considerably, and he spent some time before sailing in looking around the principal ports and cities. The arrival of the great battle cruiser Kongo from Europe was the signal for great enthusiasm, as the imitative character of the Japanese assured to them the possibilities of building others in their own yards.

Mr. Cavanagh had a very rough trip on the way outbound.

JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE

Letter Has Been Received From Government; Tenders for Sewer Pipe.

While the public becomes impatient of delay over the Johnson Street bridge, and each party is accusing the other of procrastination, it is doubtful if much progress will be made at the meeting of the city council this evening.

Alderman Gleason, chairman of the special committee, is in receipt of a letter from the premier on the subject which will be read to the meeting. Otherwise there is little additional information on the subject.

The mayor will open tenders from the various bidders in connection with the reinforced concrete pipe for the Northwest sewer, which is a valuable contract, and the largest call for sewer pipe for many months, while the garbage towage contract also comes up in the call for new tenders.

These subjects, in addition to the Leech River watershed issue, will form the principal features of the city council meeting this evening.

TO COLLECT INFORMATION

New Jail Plans Are to Be Prepared; Delegation to Mainland.

It is intended that new plans will be prepared for the proposed jail, and J. C. M. Keith, who executed the previous work, will be asked to prepare them, the actual work to be carried out under the supervision of the building inspector's department. A delegation to visit the provincial government prison farm at Burnaby, and the city jail in Vancouver, recently erected, has further been suggested.

These were the principal decisions reached by the joint civic committee and police commissioners who met this morning on the question of the new jail. Mr. Keith prepared the plans of 1911, which were rescued from the Hibben block fire in November of that year, but since that time a new by-law has put additional funds at the disposal of the committee. A report along these lines will be made to the city council.

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WILL ENTERTAIN ALL WOMEN WITHOUT HOMES

Y. W. C. A. Will Keep "Open House" on Christmas Day

Both the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. are already festively decorated for the Christmas season, and the big entrance halls with festoons of evergreens and colored paper, in both places offer welcome-looks to the visitor who enters for the first time. Christmas Day is to be a big event at the latter place, and great preparations are being made for the celebration. In the morning there will be a special service at 9.30; at 1 o'clock all the young men from the Y. M. C. A. who have not their own homes in the city to go to, will be the special guests of the ladies, and the big dining hall will be the scene of a very jolly gathering. The afternoon will be "open house" to anyone who wishes to call and enjoy the proceedings, which are to be given under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. boys.

In the evening the girls will spend the time informally, and there will be a Christmas tree and the usual pastimes and stories and games which have always characterised the proceedings at the association on the festive day. Owing to the fact that the majority of the residents will be busy on Christmast Eve, all the celebrations are being reserved for the day itself, which is to be made as enjoyable as possible for residents and outside members as well as for any others who wish to become the guests of the association for dinner and the remainder of the day.

At the Y. M. C. A. members who have homes in the city have been busy making arrangements to entertain other members who have no homes on Christmas Day, and owing to this fact and to the fact that many are spending the greater part of the day as the guests of the Y. W. C. A., there will be no special celebrations at the Y. M. C. A. "Home Cheer" is to be the feature of the gathering round the fireside during the afternoon and evening, and Mr. MacDonald is taking charge of the dormitory men, and will be "on the spot" all evening to see that everyone has a good time.

Next Sunday the choir of St. John's church will take part in the 4 o'clock services in the afternoon, and will give a Christmas carol service in the rest room. Rev. Dr. Chadwick, the assistant-rector of St. John's, will give a short address, and will thus inaugurate the first of the Christmas services to be held in the new association building.

MEETINGS

French Alliance.—The next meeting of the French Alliance will take place on Tuesday, January 6.

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Navy League Dance.—The annual ball of the Navy League Chapter (I. O. D. E.) will take place at the Alexandra ballroom on January 16.

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Queen City Chapter.—The next meeting of the Queen City Chapter, O. E. S., will take place on Wednesday, January 4, instead of this week, as originally announced.

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Wanderers' Dance.—The Wanderers' Rugby Football Club will hold their dance, postponed from December 18, on January 13, at the Alexandra ballroom.

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Loyal Orange Lodge.—There will be a meeting to-night of Admiral Beresford Loyal Orange lodge, 2407 Esquimalt, this evening in the Masonic hall, Esquimalt.

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Christmas Services, Pemberton Chapel.—There will be a special celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a. m. on Christmas morning at the Pemberton Chapel, Jubilee hospital.

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Christmas Dance.—There will be a dance at the Connaught hall on Christmas night, December 26, from 9 to 1, when Miss Thain's orchestra will supply the music. The function is open to all.

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"Everykid" Dance.—The Victoria Dramatic Society will hold an "Everykid" dance at the Empress hotel on Monday, December 29. Dancing will commence at 9 p. m., and supper will be served at 11.30.

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Cumberland and Westmoreland.—There will be a meeting this evening, at 8 o'clock, of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Association, at St. Barnabas' school, this to take the place of the regular Wednesday evening meeting.

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St. Andrew's and Caledonians.—There will be a general meeting of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society tomorrow evening at the A. O. F. hall, Broad street, at 8 o'clock, when the principal business of the evening will consist of the election of officers for the ensuing year.

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Social Service Club.—There will be a Christmas letter-writing party this evening under the auspices of the Social Service Club, at the Progressive Thought Temple, Pandora avenue. This will be followed by a concert and dance. Next Monday evening Rev. William Stevenson will deliver to the members a New Year address.

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Regimental Pipers' Dance.—The Highland Regiment Pipers' band will be the hosts at a ball to be given at the Connaught hall on the evening of December 26, when Miss Thain's orchestra and the band will supply the necessary music for the dances. Scotch and Canadian dances will make up the programme. One of the features of the event will be the catering, which is in the hands of Mrs. Murray.

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The advantages of Finchs' great Christmas Sale can easily be discovered by glancing at a few of the prices enumerated below. We have brought the prices in line with the demand, giving the keenest quotations to ensure a decided clean-up of all season's stock. The stock is exceptionally large and varied, including nothing but of the first qualities and highest grades. The benefit of shopping with Finchs' during this Phenomenal Sale is a price benefit, as "nothing is cut but the price," quality being the first consideration.

Gown Section Bargains

Evening Gowns, originally $35. Now **$26.50**

Evening Gowns, originally $45. Now **$34.00**

Model Opera Cloaks, originally $75. Now **$56.50**

Higher priced Gowns and Cloaks equally reduced.

Every Evening Gown in the store reduced. The most exclusive assortment of pretty Evening Frocks and sumptuous Model Gowns that is possible to find anywhere.

Evening Cloaks and Theatre Wraps. These should be viewed to appreciate the unusual offering on these perfectly new imported models. Lovely brocades, trimmed with choice furs. Plain and brocaded cloths in the loveliest colorings.

Some lovely Tea Gowns have arrived, priced from $35 to **$5.00**

Two Special Suit Bargains

Model Ladies' Tailored Suits, originally $50 and $70. Now **$25.00**

Navy Blue Man-Tailored Suits, originally $45. Now **$17.50**

Specials in Underwear

The stock all well-known makes, Silk and Lisle Vests, from **$1.50**

All-Silk Vests from **$2.00**

Silk and Wool Combinations from **$1.50**

Hosiery for Evening Wear

Ladies' Fine Silk Hose, in tan, grey, white and black **$1.00**

Ladies' Superior Silk Hose, all colors **$1.50**

Finch Glove Specials

A superior specially-made Glove, two-dome fasteners, guaranteed, per pair **$1.00**

Perrin's guaranteed Gloves, up from **$1.50**

Artistic Boxes

Containing Whitewear, Hosiery, Gloves, Neckwear, Blouses, Brassieres, Handkerchiefs and a host of articles for Christmas presents.

Every Handbag

Bears the reduction of 20 per cent.; best grade leathers, $1.50 to... **$35.00**

Three Special Lines in Handkerchiefs

Specially priced at 15c or 4 for.... **55c**

Specially priced at 25c or 3 for.... **70c**

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In pure linen, cambric, hemstitched, also hemstitched with initials if desired.

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January Sale Prices Are Obtaining During the Christmas Sale

If It's a Fur You Seek, See Finchs' Qualities and Prices. They Are to Be Cleared

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High-Grade Mink Set, originally $150. Now only **$95.00**

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Grey Squirrel Set, originally $75. Now.. **$50.00**

Moleskin Set, originally $75. Now..... **$50.00**

Fitch Set, originally $70. Now..... **$47.50**

Persian Lamb Stole, originally $27.50. Now only **$18.50**

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in plain and novelty mounts.

Ladies' Coat Bargains

Special line of Ladies' Heather tweed Blanket Cloths, Harris and Donegal tweeds, also heavy diagonals, close-fitting; also shawl collars, some wide belt effect. Originally $25.00. Now only **$15.00**

Dressy Tweed Coats, originally $35. Now **$26.50**

English Rubber Coats, originally $12.50. Now **$9.25**

Best quality Rubber Coat, originally $20. Now **$15.00**

Why Not Secure Some High-Grade Linen?

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Owing to the Enormous Success of the Blouse Sale We Have Decided to Place Them Until Wednesday Evening

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BROKERAGE ENTERS INTO SEALING CLAIMS

Agent Presents Indians' Claims for 50 Per Cent. of Award; Contract Worthless

Evidence was adduced before the sealing commission this morning to the effect that W. E. Leonard, a real estate man, had made a contract with some 66 Indian claimants and 16 white men whereby he would receive 50 per cent. of their awards in return for assisting them in presenting their claims before the commissioner.

The evidence came out quite unexpectedly while H. S. Cowper, an accountant, was on the stand for J. A. Aikman, who was concluding his case for the 66 Indians who engaged him as counsel. Frank Curran asked Cowper who had engaged him to prepare the table which he presented to the commission purporting to show that the cessation of sealing had occasioned the Indians a 50 per cent. loss. He stated that Mr. Leonard, the real estate man, had hired him.

Questions were then asked as to how Mr. Leonard became interested in the Indians' claims, and the witness explained that one of his employees, a half-breed, had a claim. From Cowper's story it appeared that this had given Leonard the idea, and he had approached a number of Indians and agreed to present their claims with no expense to the Indians if they would give him half the proceeds. Contracts to this effect were signed by all of the Indians presenting their claims through Mr. Aikman, who was retained by Leonard to present their claims. D. S. Tait is presenting the white men's claims for Leonard.

Mr. Aikman objected to this evidence being brought out, but when the commissioner showed interest in these facts he explained that the contracts with the Indians were worthless, as the money would be paid to the Indian agents and would through them be disbursed to the Indians. Under the Indian act the money could not go to the agent, Leonard, unless the inspector of Indian agencies approved the contracts.

HOLD-UP MAN HAS ENTIRELY DISAPPEARED

No Trace Can Be Found of Bandit Who Tried to Rob Four-Mile House

During the past two nights Provincial Constable Robert Owens has spent his time in the district around the Four-Mile house searching for traces of the robber who attempted to hold up the proprietress of the house on Friday night.

There is so much bush about that the man had no difficulty in making his escape, although three men who were in the house at the time went after him armed as soon as Mrs. Gouge raised the alarm. Constable Owens found camps of tramps in the vicinity, some of them lately occupied, but in spite of his watch since, none of the former occupants of them has returned, nor has anything been seen of anyone about the district who answers to the description given by Mrs. Gouge of the man who pointed a revolver at her and ordered her to hold her hands up, firing at her twice when she refused to do so.

The "wild man" who caused some alarm among residents in the neighborhood of the Gorge earlier in this half of the year is again about, reports of his having been seen further out being made to Constable Owens while he was investigating the Four-Mile house case. It was not the same man, if the descriptions are to be relied on, who made the attempt at robbing the hotel.

From Sidney come stories of robberies from Chinese at the Bazan Bay brick yards, and at the old Gim Fook Yuen yards, but no reports of these have been made to the provincial police. It is claimed that from workmen at the former place two masked robbers took $40, two silver watches and a shotgun at the point of revolvers, and that from the untenanted buildings at the other place some Chinese liquor was taken.

NOTE FOR $230,000

Alfred Rose Recovers Document Signed by F. C. Cook; May Be Suit for Payment.

An indication of probable further litigation in connection with the brief career of the Bankers' Trust corporation and allied companies was given this morning when R. C. Lowe made application in chambers in the Cook-Hearn trial. Alfred Rose is the applicant as the note is his.

The note is the one in which Franklin C. Cook promised to pay Rose $230,000 for Rose's interests in the Universal Home Securities, Limited. The note was made out on March 25, 1912, and is payable one year after date.

The judge allowed Mr. Rose to take the note away as it is not longer needed in connection with the trial.

"USEFUL" PRESENT.

"Please, mother, may I have a 'useful' present?" said a small boy to his mother during Christmas shopping in a west-end store yesterday, says the Daily Mail.

"Certainly, dear," replied the mother, if it's not too expensive."

"Oh, it's not expensive for what it's worth, mother," said the boy. "It's just over here. Come along."

Mother came along and was confronted with a large box of gold-wrapped, violet-crowned, "idle rich" chocolates, marked "Useful Present, 15s. 6d."

DUCK SHOOTING GOOD

Game Wardens' Department Making Strong Efforts to Prevent Moonlight Shooting.

There are many ardent duck shooters in Victoria who will be glad to hear that the game wardens on duty round the mouth of the Fraser have reported that not for ten years have there been so many ducks off the coast. At present they are keeping to the salt water, but the chief game warden says that when the first rough weather or a good freeze-up comes the birds will flock to the inland marshes. Then there will be some great shooting. The season for ducks lasts till the end of February, so the duck shooters are sure of lots of good sport.

The game warden's department are making strong efforts to enforce the laws for the protection of the ducks from improper efforts to kill them. Yesterday morning at Steveston a Japanese was brought before Magistrate Darling and fined $50 and costs for shooting ducks by moonlight. This is a heinous offence in the mind of any good sportsman, because night time is the feeding time of the big birds, when they flock to the marshes in large numbers. This instinct to come inshore at night is an instinct for self-protection, and if the birds are shot at at night and frightened they will leave the district. They will not merely go from one island to another; they will fly away in their alarm for many miles to the south and make their homes.

In order to put a stop to moonlight shooting, heavier penalties than a $50 fine will be inflicted on subsequent offenders. The law prohibits shooting at the birds between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. On the enforcement of this law depends the great duck shooting that is promised in the islands of the Richmond district, after the next rough weather comes along.

DISCUSS C. N. R. BRIDGE

Board of Trade Council Split on Line to Be Pursued in Public's Interests.

The Canadian Northern Railway company's proposals for bridging Selkirk water will be discussed at a meeting of the harbor and navigation committee of the Board of Trade to-morrow morning, the committee having invited representatives of the railway, the city council and the Inner Harbor Association to attend. When the matter came before the council of the board last Friday there was a very strenuous debate on the matter, a strong cleavage developing between two factions of the council, and the matter had finally to be referred to the committee, which hopes to straighten the difficulty by obtaining further information at to-morrow's meeting.

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One Day Gone of the Three

Two Days Left Before Xmas

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It's one of the features of this store that is being more recognized every day—that men can thoroughly rely on the goods bought here. Ladies appreciate it also and know they can with perfect confidence select presents for their gentlemen friends of the kind that will be most acceptable.

These are the reasons that have thronged our store to-day, with Christmas close at hand and presents still to buy. Be here early yourself to-morrow.

EACH DAY WILL MARK AN EPOCH IN XMAS VALUES

What $10 Will Buy in Xmas Gifts at This Store

Silk Knitted Scarf, suitable for a lady, regular **$3.00**
1 pr. Dent's Gloves for a lady, reg. **$1.50**
1 pr. Dent's Gloves for a gentleman, regular **$1.50**
1 leather Collar Bag for a gentleman, regular **$3.00**
1 Imported Silk Tie, regular..... **$2.50**
1 Suit Pyjamas, regular **$2.50**

KEEP THIS IN MIND—Whatever your Xmas Gift may be this year, let it be useful and it will surely be acceptable.

Note Our Gigantic Moving Sale Prices on These

DRESSING GOWNS—$22.50 values in Velour Dressing Gowns, exceedingly fine qualities **$15.75**

Welch Margettson's Dressing Gowns in two qualities; $16.50 values for **$11.50**
$13.50 values for **$9.95**

SMOKING JACKETS AND HOUSE COATS—Two strong values, regularly priced at $16.50 and $15.00. Your choice now at **$10.00**

UMBRELLAS—
$10.00 Cane Umbrellas for **$7.95**
$7.50 Cane Umbrellas for **$5.95**
$6.50, in close-rolled silk **$5.00**
$4.00, in Gloria silk **$2.95**
$2.50, in Gloria silk **$1.65**

Silk Knitted Neck Scarves for ladies and gentlemen, just the thing to protect a delicate throat when motoring or for wear in all kinds of chilly weather.
$8.50 values, accordion knitted, in grey, at **$6.50**
$7.50 values, accordion knitted, in black and white, brown, grey and wine **$5.95**
$3.00 values in silk and wool Scarves, white and black cross bars **$2.25**
$3.00 black knitted Scarves; only 15 of these **$1.50**

Tone Up in a New Suit and Overcoat for the Holiday

Our Gigantic Moving Sale Prices will enable you to buy both for about the price you usually pay for either. Since every style is here and the fabrics are all new Fall patterns, nothing will be gained by describing them. Take this as your slogan: See the Goods—Mark the Prices.

$40 values. Moving Sale Price **$26.25**
$30 values. Moving Sale Price **$18.75**
$25 values. Moving Sale Price **$16.50**
$20 values. Moving Sale Price **$13.75**

Get Your Boy a Suit as a Xmas Box

Something over 200 Boys' Suits of the better grades left to choose from at any price up to $18.00 from $9.00. Your choice now at exactly .... **HALF-PRICE**

Fine Furs Make a Most Acceptable Gift for a Lady

Only Furs of the higher grades, beautiful qualities, finished in the most attractive styles. A magnificent assortment to select from at a straight discount of 25 Per Cent.

Other useful suggestions are Leather Collar Bags, Suspenders in fancy boxes, Handkerchief Bags, Tie Holders, Travelling Slippers, etc. Also all-wool knitted Sweater Coats at $3.95 and $5.00, regularly priced at $5 and **$6.00**

What $5 Will Buy in Xmas Gifts at This Store

½ dozen Linen Handkerchiefs, regular at **$2.00**
2 English Silk Ties, regular...... **$2.50**
1 pair Dent's Gloves, regular.... **$1.50**
1 pair Fancy Suspenders, regular **$1.25**

We might go on and enumerate many other articles in the place of those mentioned above, as there are so many things that suggest themselves at this particular time.

Xmas Suggestions From Our Furnishing Department

EXCLUSIVE NECKWEAR—The kinds we have are sure to appeal to men because they're **different**. We have imported the most beautiful Neckwear from London and Paris at $1.25 and $1.50, $2.50 and $3.00, a style that has never been shown on the coast before and is exclusive with us. Come in and see them; also note the special values you can get at 50c, 75c and $1.00; beautiful Neckwear, worth double the money.

NOTE OUR SHIRT PRICES—
$3.00 Manhattan Shirts **$1.95**
$2.25 Gotham Shirts **$1.75**
$1.75 Gotham Shirts **$1.25**

Choose a Pair of Gloves

—and if you're not sure of the size, avail yourself of our Glove Scrip.

$5.00 Reindeer Gloves, Dent's make.. **$3.50**
$2.25 Tan and Grey Suede Gloves, Perrin's make **$1.75**
$1.75 Tan Kid Gloves, "Viatika," Dent's make **$1.25**
$1.50 Tan Dogskin Gloves, Dent's make, for **$1.20**
$2.25 Silk-lined Dogskin Gloves, Dent's make **$1.75**
$1.00 Dent's Gloves for ladies.......... **75¢**
$1.50 Dent's Gloves for ladies....... **$1.20**

Come in the evening if you can't get here during the day. Watch our Windows.

You'll Like Our Clothes—Regd.

FITZPATRICK & O'CONNELL

1017-1019 Government St. South of Fort

APPROPRIATE GIFTS
AT MODERATE PRICES

Suggestions Below $2

Silver Cuff Buttons...50¢
Gold Safety Pin....$1.00
Gold Stick Pin.....$1.00
Silver Photo Frame..$1.00
Silver Scent Bottle..$1.00
Silver Pencil .....50¢
Silver Manicure Pieces for $1.00

$2 to $3

Tobacco Pouch, silver shield $2.50
Gold Cuff Studs.....$3.00
Set of 3 Gold Shirt Studs $2.70
Gold Stick Pin, pearl set, for $2.25
Silver Vanity Box...$2.50
Leather Jewel Case..$2.00
Leather Wallet $2.25

$3 to $4

Ladies' Gold Signet $3.50
Fountain Pen $3.15
Gold Neck Chain $3.00
Cut Glass Vase $3.85
Boys' Reliable Watch for $3.60
Half Dozen Sterling Spoons for $3.60
Gold Safety Pin, pearl set, for $3.00

$4 to $5

Cut Glass and Silver Puff Jar $4.75
Sterling Ink Stand..$4.50
Sterling Cigarette Case for $4.50
Gold-Filled Bracelet $4.30
Sterling Salts, in case, for $3.60
Large Silver-Plated Vase for $4.95

"The Gift Centre"

The Home of the Xmas Shopper

Fine Diamond Jewelry

Necklets

Diamond and Pearl Necklet, all platinum, our own selection of stones, mounted in our own factory $234.00
Large Diamond Necklet, very fine stones, personally selected $864.00
String of Real Oriental Pearls, platinum and diamond clasp $675.00

Rings

Very beautiful Ring, platinum mount, fine white diamonds with pink pearl centre, for $180.00
Five-Stone Diamond and Emerald Ring for $108.00
Gem, 3-Stone Diamond and Pearl Ring for $900.00

Earrings

Diamond, Sapphire and Pearl Drop Earrings for $103.50
Solitaire Diamond Screw Earrings...$144.00
Diamond and Aquamarine Drop Earrings, for $71.20

Ladies' Watches

Very Pretty Pendant Watch, platinum mounted, diamond set $207.00
Ladies' All-Platinum Wrist Watch, diamond face $351.00
Ladies' Solid Gold Hunting Case Watch, set with diamond $59.40

Pendants

Platinum Pendant, diamond, pearl and aquamarine $112.50
All-Platinum, diamond and pearl set with golden pearl drop $162.00
Diamond and Pearl Pendant, set in platinum, with platinum neck chain, for.....$112.50

Bracelets

Platinum Bracelet, centre set with selected pearls and diamonds $171.00
Similar Bracelet to above, set with diamond and sapphire $220.00
Diamond and Ruby, 3-Stone Bangle Bracelet $50.00
Ladies' Bracelet with watch, face diamond set $238.50

Brooches

Large Diamond and Pearl Bar Pin....$58.50
Large Beryl surrounded by diamonds and pearls $630.00
Gorgeous Diamond Crescent, large size, for only $306.00
Diamond Horseshoe Brooch.....$354.00

Stick Pins

Pear-Shaped Pearl, with small diamond, for $180.00
Diamond and Ruby Stickpin, beautiful stones, for $121.50
Pearl and Diamond "Merry Widow" Stickpin, for $45.00
Genteel Size Solitaire Diamond Pin...$40.00

APPROPRIATE GIFTS
AT MODERATE PRICES

$5 to $6

Sterling Silver Vanity Boxes for $5.25
Silver Pie Plate $5.85
Silver Toast Rack...$5.50
English Oak Biscuit Jar for $5.60
Cut Glass Bowls.....$5.00
English Hall Marked Salts for $6.00

$6 to $7

Leather Cigar Cases, plain or silver mounted, $6.50
Solid Gold Signet Rings at $6.50
Pearl Vest Sets $6.25
Solid Gold Watch Fob for $6.50
Pearl Earrings $6.25

$7 to $8

Silver Open Face Watch for $8.00
Gold-Filled Bracelet $7.20
Cut Glass Vase $7.50
Cut Glass Comports $7.75
Sterling Silver Photograph Frames $7.20
Sterling Silver Hair Brushes for $7.65

$8 to $10

Sterling Silver Jewel Cases for $8.10
Sterling Silver Cigarette Cases $8.50
French Traveling Clock for $8.50
Heavy Gold Signet Ring for $9.00
Sterling Cut Glass Butter Dish $8.00
Sterling Silver Worcester Bottle Holder $9.75
Sterling and Cut Glass Vase for $9.00

Our Clock Contest Is Still On

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

Sterling Toilet Sets

Handsome 14-Piece Set, complete in plush-lined case $54.00
Superb Three-Piece English Sterling Silver Toilet Set, in case, plush-lined. Price $36.90
Three-Piece Sterling Silver Toilet Set, complete in plush-lined case..$25.00
A Neat Two-Piece Set, sterling silver, Brush and Comb complete, in plush-lined case $10.35

Sterling Manicure Sets

Eight-Piece Sterling Silver Set, complete in plush-lined case $12.60
Eight-Piece Sterling Silver, plain polished, massive English design, complete in plush-lined case.....$17.55
Seven-Piece English Sterling Silver Manicure Set, complete in leather plush-lined case $16.20
Five-Piece Set, same style and finish as above. Price $12.85

A Few Specials

For Baby—A Solid Gold Ring .....75¢
Or a Silver Napkin Ring $1.80
Three-Piece Set—Knife, Fork and Spoon—in case, fine English plate $1.80
For Daughter—A Solid Gold Signet Ring $1.60
For Son—Our special 7-Jeweled Thin Model Watch, gun-metal case; a real watch $4.95

Christmas Shopping

EVERYTHING has been done to facilitate and expedite Christmas shopping—to make the last two days of purchasing a pleasure.

The extreme care and discrimination we have exercised in making our selections is apparent in the unusual character of our showing.

If you desire to give gifts that will worthily represent you, you will find here hundreds of acceptable suggestions.

Gift Suggestions for the Toilet Table

Genuine French Ebony and Ivory

Ebony Military Brushes, per pair, up from $1.60
Ladies' Ebony Hair Brushes, up from $2.25
Ebony Hand Mirrors, up from $2.00
French Ivory Mirror $5.85
French Ivory Hair Brush, at $3.00
French Ivory Military Brushes at, per pair $7.65

Shortt, Hill & Duncan, Limited

"At the Sign of the Four Dials" CENTRAL BUILDING Victoria, B. C.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session on behalf of the City of Victoria for an Act to the effect following, viz.:

1. To confer upon the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria power from time to time to make, alter and repeal by laws for any of the following purposes or in relation to matters coming within classes of subjects hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

(1) For regulating the location, construction and use of hay, straw, sheds, garages, barns and other buildings, which, if unrestricted as to location, tend to reduce the value of assessable property;

(2) For prohibiting, licensing and regulating tents and the location, erection, construction and use thereof in the City of Victoria, and in any parts or areas of the said City;

(3) For permitting areas or openings to be constructed in or under any sidewalks and streets in the City of Victoria, and to make and collect an annual charge for the use of any such areas or openings previously constructed or hereafter to be constructed of such amounts as the Council may deem reasonable;

(4) For compelling owners or occupiers of lumber factories, sawmills, slaughter houses, shoddy mills, crematories, tanneries, rag or bone works, laundries, electric light works, and carpet cleaneries, and of any other place, where any manufacturing or trade process whatsoever is carried on in connection with the operation of which smoke, dust or effluvia is caused or produced, to instal and maintain such chimneys or other apparatus as shall consume the smoke, dust or effluvia, or prevent the same from fouling the atmosphere, or being carried by the wind or otherwise to other shops, houses or premises, to the inconvenience or injury of the neighboring premises or residents therein;

(5) For regulating the distance from the centre of the street of all buildings hereafter to be built upon lands abutting upon any street in any specified area within the City of Victoria and prohibiting the erection of any such buildings except at such distance from the centre of such street in any specified area as the Council may deem advisable;

(6) For regulating the measuring or weighing (as the case may be) of coal, bread, potatoes, milk and other articles of food, and for seizing and forfeiting the same when of light weight or short measure, and for imposing penalties for light weight of short cut, or short measurement in any cordwood, firewood, coal or other fuel, and in butter, bread, potatoes, milk and other articles of food;

2. In the event of the Council of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria undertaking as a work of Local Improvement the opening, widening or extending of any street within the City of Victoria and for such purpose it becomes necessary for the Council to enter upon, expropriate, take and use any lands or real property or interest therein in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act as amended thereto, the said Corporation shall, entitled immediately upon issuing the notice mentioned in Section 80 of the Municipal Act to take possession of, use and enjoy the said real property or interest therein, shall not be under obligation to pay the compensation therefor to the respective owners in a lump sum, but at the option of the said Corporation to be indicated by a resolution of the Council to that effect, the said amount shall be paid in equal instalments and in the same number of instalments as those in which the special assessment shall be made payable as set out in the proposal required by Section 29 of the Local Improvement Act, and such instalments shall be included in cost of the work to be specially assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement Act. The Corporation shall pay to the respective owners interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all unpaid instalments yearly, said interest to be paid out of the general revenue of the Corporation and not to be included in the special assessment.

3. In the event of the Corporation of the City of Victoria exercising any of the powers conferred by Section 23, Subsection 28 of the Municipal Act, of entering upon any lands within the said Municipality and digging the ground and constructing tunnels and underground conduits and carrying wires, cables and necessary fittings and apparatus therein and placing poles upon the said lands and attaching thereto wires and other telephone apparatus and affixing the same to buildings and other improvements upon the said lands, and carrying said wires over and across said lands and improvements, and operating, maintaining, altering and replacing the same, and for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, operation, alteration and maintenance and repair from time to time entering upon the said lands and the Municipal Council of the said Corporation passing a By-Law expropriating the said rights above mentioned, or any of them, in respect of any lands within the limits of the City of Victoria it shall not be necessary for the said Corporation to procure such grant of such right and easement, but the Corporation shall file in the Land Registry Office at Victoria a certified copy of the said By-Law, accompanied by a plan certified under the hand of the City Engineer of the City, showing the lands in respect of which the said rights and easements have been expropriated thereunder, and also accompanied by plans and specifications of the work proposed to be done thereon; and thereupon the rights and easements expropriated under said By-Law shall forthwith vest in the said Corporation and its assigns, and registration of the title acquired under said By-Law shall not be necessary. For the exercise of any of the said powers the said Corporation shall pay such compensation as may be agreed upon, or in the event of failure to agree shall pay such compensation as shall be determined by arbitration in the manner directed by Part XV. of the Municipal Act. The notice required by Section 299 of the Municipal Act shall be deemed to have been sufficiently served upon all owners and persons interested in said lands if the same, addressed generally to the owners and persons interested in the various lands affected by the said By-Law, be published for at least eight consecutive issues in a newspaper published in the City of Victoria.

4. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria shall consist of a Mayor and ten Aldermen. The said Municipality shall not be divided into wards, and the Mayor and all Aldermen shall be elected from the City at large.

5. The term of office for an Alderman shall be three years and for the Mayor one year.

6. At the next annual election of Aldermen and at every third annual election thereafter four aldermen shall go out of office, and at all other annual elections hereafter three Aldermen shall go out of office. The four Aldermen to go out of office at the next annual election shall be those of the Aldermen who respectively received the least number of votes at the last annual election; the three Aldermen to go out of office after the second annual election hereafter shall be those of the remaining six Aldermen who received the least number of votes respectively at said last annual election, and the remaining three Aldermen shall go out of office at the third annual election hereafter. Thereafter the aldermen to go out of office at any annual election shall be those who have been longest in office since election, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, however. The retiring Mayor and Aldermen shall continue in office after the annual election until the 1st day of January next following, and on said date the newly elected Mayor and Aldermen shall take office. The Council shall meet on the first Monday in January (not being New Year's Day), or if the same be New Year's Day, then on the first Tuesday in each year and thereafter as the Mayor may appoint.

7. In the event of the election of an alderman to fill a vacancy in office the term of his office shall be the unexpired term of the alderman whose office has become vacant.

8. The election for Mayor and Aldermen for the said Municipality shall hereafter be held in the month of December (commencing in December 1914), and the nomination for Mayor and Aldermen shall be held on the second Monday in December in each year (commencing December 1914), from twelve o'clock noon to two o'clock p. m., and the polling (if any) shall be held the following Monday from nine o'clock a. m. to seven o'clock p. m.

9. The Municipal Elections Act in so far as it affects the Municipality of the City of Victoria but not otherwise, is hereby amended in manner following:

As to Section 8 and all amendments thereto: By striking out the word "October" and substituting instead thereof the word "September."

As to Section 15 thereof: By striking out the words "thirtieth day of November" wherever they occur therein and substituting instead thereof the words "thirty-first day of October," and also wherever the word "December" occurs therein by striking out the same and substituting instead thereof the word "November."

As to Section 21 thereof: By striking out the word "January" therein and substituting instead thereof the word "December."

As to Section 23 thereof: By striking out the word "December" therein and substituting instead thereof the word "November."

12. The Public School Amendment Act, 1912, in so far as it affects the Municipality of the City of Victoria, but not otherwise, is hereby amended in manner following, namely: By inserting at the end of Section 50, Subsection 1, enacted as Section 8 thereof, the words following: Provided, however, that the said estimates shall be prepared and laid before the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria by the Board of School Trustees of Victoria on or before the 1st day of December in the year next preceding the year for which the same are set out in said estimates are required. The nomination and election of the Board of School Trustees of Victoria shall be held at the same time as the Municipal nomination and election of Mayor for the said City of Victoria as hereinbefore in this Act provided.

11. It shall be the duty of the City Comptroller and City Engineer of the said Corporation, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, to submit to the Council a detailed estimate of all expenditures for Local Improvement which in their opinion are necessary to be made during the next current year.

12. It shall be the duty of the said Comptroller and Engineer of the said Corporation, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, to submit to the Council a detailed estimate of the expenditures of the Municipal revenue which in their opinions are necessary to be made during the next current year.

13. It shall be the duty of the Council of the said Corporation in the month of December in each year (and not later than the 15th day of said month), by resolution to adopt and approve an estimate of all expenditures of Municipal revenue, and all extraordinary and Local Improvement expenditures which in the opinion of the said Council are necessary to be made during the next current year; and it shall be the duty of the Comptroller and Solicitor of the said Corporation to prepare an Expenditure By-law for the next ensuing year based upon the said estimate adopted and approved by the said Council as aforesaid; said By-law shall be considered and approved with all such amendments as the Council shall deem necessary by the said Council during the said month of December. The said By-law, however shall not be finally passed by the Council in the said month of December. It shall be the duty of the incoming Council during the month of January next following to consider the said By-law and finally pass the same with all such amendments as the Council shall deem necessary.

14. No By-laws for raising upon the credit of the said Municipality any money not required for its ordinary expenditure and not payable within the same municipal year shall be submitted for the assent of the electors of the said Municipality except at the date of the annual elections. Provided, however, that it shall be lawful to submit a By-law at any other time if the Council shall pass a resolution that in view of an emergency it is necessary to submit said By-law.

T. R. ROBERTSON,
City Solicitor,
City Hall, Victoria, B. C.
November 26th, 1913.

NAVIGABLE WATER PROTECTION ACT.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sidney Rubber Roofing Company, Limited, having its registered office at 312-4 Jones Building, Victoria, B. C., is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area, plans, site and description of the works proposed to be constructed in Bazan Bay, North Saanich District, British Columbia, being land situate, lying and being part of Section Ten (10), Range Four (4) East, in the District of North Saanich aforesaid, and have deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and descriptions thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar General of Titles at the Land Registry Office at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in The Canada Gazette. Dated this 8th day of December, 1913.

SIDNEY RUBBER ROOFING COMPANY, LIMITED.
By its Solicitor, Harold Despard Twigg, 312-4 Jones Building, Victoria, B. C.

Homes—ke - WATCH THE WANT ADS for light on the "where to buy" puzzle.

IS LEADER IN CAUSE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

Hon. Manuel L. Quezon Arrives on Empress of Asia From Philippines to Congress

With a case of beautiful orchids for the conservatories at the White House as a present to President Woodrow Wilson, Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, delegate from the Philippine Islands in the United States congress, debarked from the Empress of Asia yesterday and left later by the Princess Charlotte for Seattle, en route to Washington to take up his duties at the present session.

The delegate, who was accompanied by his secretary, M. S. Bishop, has been in the Islands in connection with the inauguration of Governor Burton Harrison. He is regarded as one of the leaders of the Filipinos, and therefore it is not surprising that he is more enthusiastic and optimistic for self-government than the average representative man from the territorial group.

Mr. Quezon, in a chat with a Times man, justified that optimism by saying that the effect of the education in one European language of the native population was that with fifteen years of American control there were now four million Filipinos capable of understanding English, and the number was constantly increasing as the children passed through the schools. Within ten years there would be a sufficient number of educated persons to make the grant of self-government both safe and cautious. Provision was also being made for the higher education in Manila.

Speaking on the question of immigration the delegate alluded to the immigration of Chinese and Japanese. As the latter were not formally welcomed on account of the impossibility of assimilating them into the nationality of the country, the Chinese in the second generation could scarcely be shown from the native born Filipino. They were much more welcome than the Japanese, their willingness to accept of occupations which the Japanese would not carry on, appealing to the people, although they would naturally prefer to build up a Filipino nationality without other Orientals. The number of Japanese was regulated by treaty, while the Chinese coming into the Islands was not large, only 7,307 in 1911, of whom 6,910 were returning after visits to China.

The industries of the islands, numerous, were threatened with control by Japanese capital, and in this connection the control of the island of Mindoro by a Japanese syndicate had been frequently mentioned, but he did not give much credence to it. Business was good, and the advent of a Democratic administration had proved most encouraging to those who looked for the islands to stand upon their own footing in commercial development.

The delegate mentioned that the movement for self-government would be kept well to the front during the present session.

Mr. Quezon was delighted with the few hours he had in Victoria.

Library Books

The following is a list of the new books just received at public library:

PHILOSOPHY.

Tuckett, Ivor Ll.—Evidence for the supernatural: A critical study made with "uncommon sense." 130-T82ev.

RELIGION.

Pritchett, Henry Smith—What is religion? And other student questions, talks to college students. 1908. 230-P95wh.

SOCIOLOGY.

Campagnac, E. T.—Teaching of composition. 372.6-C18te.

McMurry, Charles A. and McMurry, Frank M.—Method of recitation. 371.3-M2me.

McMurry, Mrs. Lida Brown—Nature study lessons for primary grades. 1905. 372.35-M16ns.

Rush, Robert R.—Introduction to experimental education. 1912. 370.15-R96in.

LANGUAGE.

Velasquez, de la Cadena, Marina and Simonne Teodoro—Revised Ollendorff method. An easy system for learning to read, write and speak the Spanish language. 1901. 463-V31re.

NATURAL SCIENCE.

Coupin, Henri Eugene Victor and Lea, John—Wonders of animal ingenuity. 1911. 590-C83wo.

Reed, Charles K., and Reed, Chester B.—Guide to taxidermy. 1908. 579.4-R32gu.

Tower, Walter Sheldon, and Roberts, John—Petroleum, the motive power of the future. 553.28-T73p.

USEFUL ARTS.

Campbell, Thomas F.—Actual accounting. 657-C18ac.

Hubbard, Ernst—Utilization of wood-waste. 1902. 660-H87ut.

Rosenberg, E.—Electrical engineering. An elementary text-book. 621.3-R81el.

Russell, Rollo—Preventable cancer. 1912. 616-R96pr.

Waugh, Frank Albert—Fruit harvesting, storing, marketing: a practical guide to the picking, sorting, packing, storing, shipping and marketing of fruit. 1201. 634-W25fr.

FINE ARTS.

Bellamy, William—Broken words, a fifth century of charades. 1911. 793-B42br.

Harrison, C. Alwyn—Orchids for amateurs: a practical guide to the cultivation of sixty easily grown, cool, and fifty warm house kinds adapted for small mixed green houses. 716-H31or.

Jones, Bernard E.—Cassel's cyclopedia of photography. Ref. 770.3-J76.

McDonald, Donald—My garden companion. 1902. 716-M16my.

Myer, Edmund J.—Vocal instructor. 784-M99vo.

Needham, Mary Master—Folk festivals: their growth and how to grow them. 1912. 793-N37fo.

Thomas, William S.—Trails and tramps in Alaska and Newfoundland. 1913. 799-T46tr.

Waters, William George—Italian sculptors. 734-W21it.

LITERATURE.

Browning, Robert—Handbook to the books of Robert Browning. 812-B885xo.

Clough, Arthur Hugh—Poems. 1909. 812-C64po.

Colvin, Sidney (editor)—Letters of Robert Louis Stevenson. 852-S84L.

Maeterlinck, Maurice—Buried temple. 834-M18bu.

Tagore, Rabindranath—Gitanjali (song offerings). 813-T12gi.

Weygandt, Cornelius—Irish plays and playing. 804-W54ir.

TRAVEL.

Baedeker, K.—London and its environs. 914.21-B131Lo.

Baedeker, Karl—Paris and environs. 1913. 914.43-B13p.

Cruickshank, J. W., and Cruickshank, A. M.—Smaller Tuscan towns. 914.55-C95s.

Haywood, Austin Hubert Wightwick—Through Timbuctu and across the Great Sahara. An account of an adventurous journey of exploration from Sierra Leone to the source of the Niger, following the course to the bend at Gao and thence across the Great Sahara to Algiers. 916.62-H42th.

Underwood, John J.—Alaska, an empire in the making. 1913. 917.98-U56al.

BIOGRAPHY.

Whibley, Charles—Book of scoundrels. 920-W57bo.

HISTORY.

Bland, J. O. P.—Recent events and present policies in China. 951-B64re.

Trevelyan, George Otto—George the Third and Charles Fox: The concluding part of the American revolution. 1912. 942.06-T81ge.

Abbott, Eleanor Hallowell—White linen nurse. 1913.

Barr, Robert—Palace of logs.

Davis, Richard Harding—Lost road. 1913.

Erskine, Payne—Eye of dread. 1913.

Johnston, Mary—Hagar. 1913.

Lippmann, Julie Mathilde—Making over Martha. 1913.

McAulay, Allan—Beggars and sorners.

Oppenheim, James—Doctor Rast. Illus. 1910.

FICTION.

Oppenheim, Edward Phillips—Maker of history. 1913.

Stocton, Frank R.—Lady or the Tiger? 1903.

White, Stewart Edward—Gold. 1913.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Non-Fiction.

Caldecott, R.—Picture book No. 2.

Champlin, John Denison—Young folks' cyclopaedia of literature and art. 1901. J.Ref. 803-C45yo.

Crane, Walter—Baby's own opera. Illustrated by Edmund Evans.

Murray, Clara—Wide awake primer. 1904. J428.6-M98wi.

There was a rumpus at the children's breakfast table and on coming down to see what it was all about the mistress of the house found the little ones crying out for spoons to eat their eggs with. She rang the bell sharply, and when the maid, who was fresh to service, appeared, she reproved her thus: "Mary, Mary, when you lay eggs in future, be careful to lay egg-spoons also."

SCRAP BOOK.

Winter Beginning To-day Will Be Long and Severe, Say Prophets.

Hail, King Winter, hail!

Also snow, sleet, rain, blizzards, storms, gales, tempests, bitter cold and other associated varieties of weather, in addition to hail, may be expected during the winter, which officially begins to-day. It is true that many sections of the North American continent have already been given some excellent imitations of winter, but those were but samples, and nothing comparable to what may be expected during the next few months.

This is the shortest day of the year, in the matter of time, and also the "shortest" financially for those who have followed the advice frequently set forth in these columns to do their Christmas shopping early. To-day will be one minute shorter than yesterday, and one minute briefer than to-morrow.

The winter solstice, which marks the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere, is the summer solstice south of the equator, and Rio and Buenos Ayres and Cape Town are now basking in sunshine or hoisting umbrellas as protection against summer showers. But for us in the northern part of the world—whoo-ee!—what we have coming to us will be, in the language of the street, "a plenty," according to both the scientific weather sharps and the astrologers.

Walter H. Sampson, a New York astrologer, pointed out that "at the Vernal equinox, 1913, the planet Saturn, always held to be a malefic influence, was exactly setting at Dayton, Ohio, and that his position in the figure for this ingress at Omaha was similarly powerful. We well know what followed at these places." He adds: "At the winter solstice, this planet will set at the east, and that when interpreted according to the rules laid down by the ancients the figure is somewhat threatening in regard to its promise for the winter season in the eastern part of the continent." He considers that it "presages a severe and stormy winter, much more so than for many years, with considerable attendant ill-health and suffering, since the general aspect of the heavens at this time is disorderly and afflicted." This prophet of evil concludes: "We should, according to the warnings of the older astrologers, look for increase of death rate, impaired public health, financial difficulties, many losses and failures, continued difficulties with foreign or neighboring powers, and a generally troubled and severe winter."

Scores of other prophets have indulged in predictions that the winter of 1913-1914 will be exceptionally long and severe. Those who base their theories on the actions of wild beasts and birds are especially firm in the conviction that the winter season will be "a reg'lar old sockdolager." Many who have studied the ways of the furry and feathered creatures of the wild declare that the animals and birds have an instinctive foreknowledge of the coming of a severe winter, and that the "signs" [illegible] by these four-footed and [illegible] prophets point conclusively to an exceptionally severe weather during the months to come.

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On this date in 1620 the Mayflower Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, and on this date in 1894 the Society of Mayflower descendants was organized in New York, "to preserve their memory, their records, their history, and all facts relating to them, their ancestors, and their posterity."

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

Fifth Regiment C. G. A. (No. 50). Regimental orders by Lieut.-Col. A. W. Currie, commanding.

Headquarters, Victoria, Dec. 18, 1913.

1. Militia Order (Efficiency returns).—Extract from M. O. 538, "Efficiency," 18 published for general information:

Competition No. 10.

	Full Marks.	No. 1 Co.	No. 2 Co.
Gun practice	400	276	370
Gun laying	60	48	43
Range taking	40	35	22
Total	500	358	435
Less for absentees	..	..	8
Net total competition, No. 10	..	359	427

Competition No. 11.

	Full Marks.	No. 1 Co.	No. 2 Co.
Clothing and accoutrements	20	19	18
Arm and company drill	40	33	34
Company books	20	19	19
Officer questions	60	60	60
N. C. O.'s questions	40	37	34
Section or group drill	80	77	72
Signalling	40	33.7	30.7
Total	300	278.7	267.7
Less for absentees	..	..	8
Net total competition, No. 11	..	278.7	259.7
Grand total	..	637.7	686.7

2. Enlisted.—The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength from the dates specified: No. 1, Gr. Henry Glover Rough, Dec. 4; No. 248, Gr. Percy Foreman, Dec. 12; No. 360, Tptr. Samuel J. Hook, Dec. 18.

3. Christmas Greeting.—The officer commanding desires to convey to all ranks his best wishes for the coming Christmas and New Year.

4. Company Drills.—The regular drill season will commence on Monday, January 5, 1914. The company drill nights being as heretofore: Mondays, No. 3 company; Tuesdays, No. 1 company; Wednesdays, No. 2 company.

5. Drill Hall Closed.—In accordance with the usual custom the drill hall will be closed from December 25 to January 1, both dates inclusive.

6. Discharged.—The following man having been granted his discharge is struck off the strength from this date: No. 316, Gr. D. Sheret.

(Signed) R. P. CLARK, Captain,
For Adjutant absent on duty.

At a fancy dress ball for children a policeman stationed at the door was instructed not to admit any adult. An excited woman came running up to the door and demanded admission. "I'm sorry, mum," replied the policeman, "but I can't let anyone in but children." "But my child is dressed as a butterfly," exclaimed the woman, "and has forgotten her wings." "Can't help it," replied the policeman, "orders is orders; you'll have to let her go as a caterpillar."

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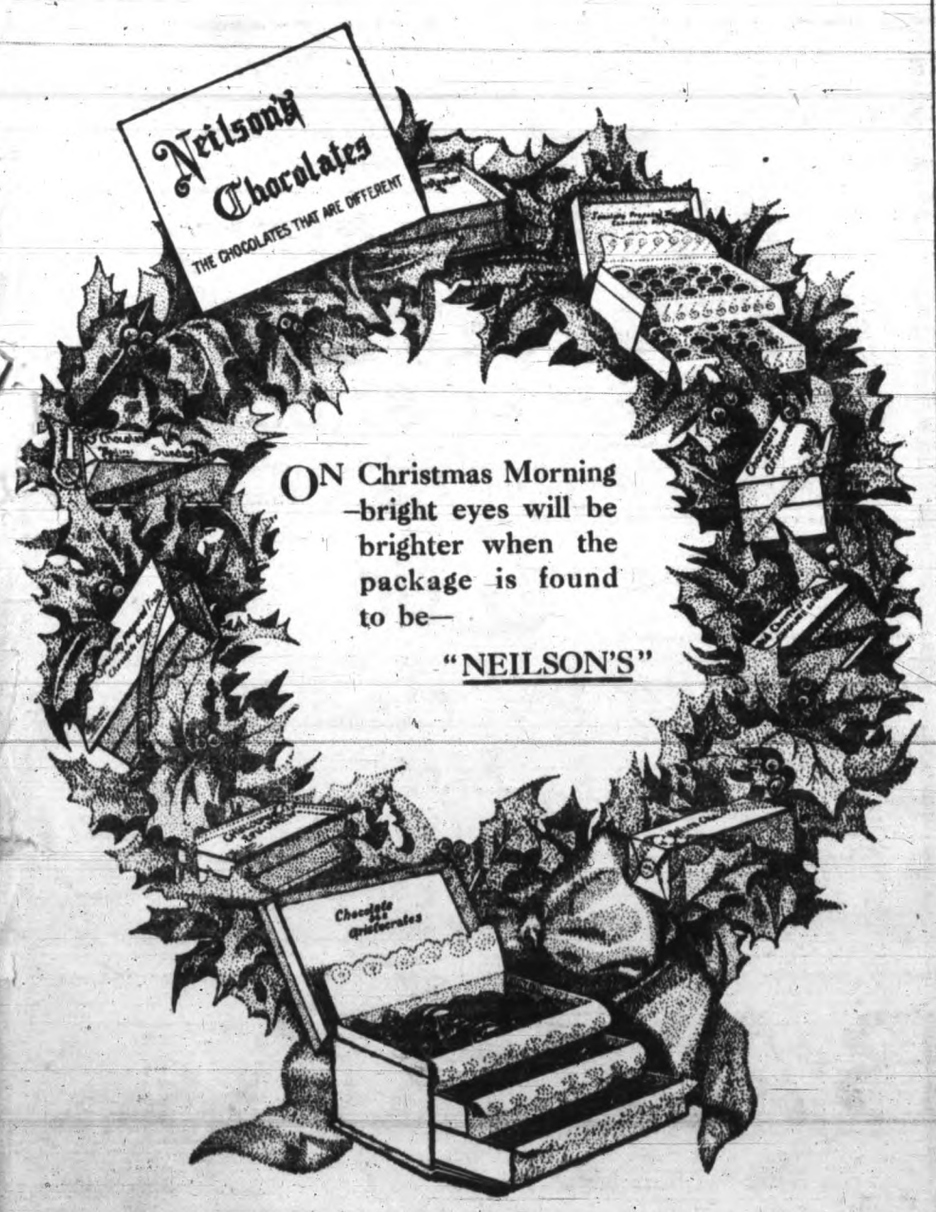

OUR LETTER BOX

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SCOPE OF UNIVERSITY.

To the Editor:—I am disappointed to observe no general expression of public opinion following the recent addresses of Dr. Wesbrook, president of the British Columbia university, and it is with some reluctance that I venture to project a word on the subject.

Dr. Wesbrook has been known to me for a quarter of a century, and is recognized as an exceptionally brilliant graduate of my own university in the east. His address last week before the Canadian club was excellent in form and revealed careful study and settled design of the scope of our new university. At the right hand of Dr. Wesbrook sat the minister of education, so that we may take it that what was announced in that address had official sanction and is a fair pronouncement as to the proposed scope of the university work.

But does the outline presented appeal to us as promising the organization of the true university idea and an institution of learning to take rank, as promised, with the great university centres of the world? The endowment is great and the opportunity of British Columbia to distinguish herself by creating a centre of learning and culture is at hand. But is that conception forecasted? No one would like to confine this new university to the humanities or to higher mathematics, to mental and moral philosophy, to theology, law or medicine. We realize the call of applied science, engineering and all branches of scientific research, but where does the idea of a correspondence school or evening classes for domestic cookery or training of retail merchants or clerks in selling wares and merchandise come within the scope of university work? What function of a profound institution of university status to rank with Oxford, Cambridge, the German universities, or Yale and Harvard if you will, is it to treat of these matters or to grant degrees in respect to the domestic hen? Are we to have new degrees, such as Bachelor of Poultry Raising or Master of Pig Breeding? Let me be not misunderstood: These are in their own place important subjects, and anything that will advance our knowledge of domestic economy and reform the conditions of household administration under which the wives and house-wives now labor is worthy of and demands attention, but surely these are matters for our public schools and agricultural colleges, and not germane to direct university work.

I am writing merely in the hope of opening a general consideration of this matter and bespeak a further opportunity of dealing with the matter in more detail if discussion ensues. Meantime would it not be desirable that the proposals of Dr. Wesbrook and the government be published in pamphlet form for general circulation, possibly in form of the speeches of the president, and so enable the public at large to fairly consider and express opinion upon the proposed scope of our provincial university.

M. B. JACKSON.

A PLEA FOR THOSE POORER THAN OUR POOR.

To the Editor,—Knowing well that we have many in our own city needing assistance, I still feel sure that there is no approach here to the deep down poverty of some parts of London. May I therefore lay before you once more Mr. Pachenham Gilbert's appeal. There may be some who will be glad to spare a little for those whose Christmas is indeed a sad one, except for the little stray bit of pleasure and the good dinners which come to them perhaps through charity, not forgetting the bright church services. Their church is a home of comfort, and hope for those who perhaps have no other. They have good clubs and a good organizer for the dispensation of their charity, but the money must come from outside.

Can you picture to yourselves the hungry women with sick children and young babies, the young men and the older men without work and hardly hope enough to seek it. O! let us give our dollars quickly and generously. How glad we shall be if we can help a little with the really awful burden of caring for so great a number in such poverty. Food and clothing and coal, all have to be paid for. The Mission hall is large and light and open morning, noon and night for good instruction, worship and amusement. We hardly know what it is to face this continual poverty. We have but occasional hard times, but their's is always hard. Kindly send what you can spare to the Daily Times office, or to Miss Caroline Macklem, 1426 Richardson street, Victoria, or direct to Mr. Pachenham Gilbert, St. Clement's Mission, Mary Place, Potteries, Notting Hill, London, W., and do not forget this when you fold your paper. Think of their poor meals when you eat your own comfortable one.

CAROLINE MACKLEM.

EXPORT DUTIES ON FOOD.

To the Editor:—"Protection for the farmers was dead," said Mr. Lloyd George recently at Oxford (Weekly Times, Nov. 21, page 933), and certainly it does seem to be unpopular, with even the farmers of the Dominion crying out against it, and the rest of the world complaining that the cost of living is due to tariffs on imported food. But why is food dear? The eminent Mr. Martin Burrell has told us (see to-day's Colonist) that it is because demand has overtaken supply. In other words, we have got more immigrants than we have provided for, and those immigrants have come in undue proportion to the towns, and there they find conditions relatively so much more comfortable, they hesitate to settle and work in the country. That life is hard, it must be lived by routine, horses must be regularly fed, cows must be milked at routine times, one has to get up every day early in winter in the cold and the dark, and holidays are very rare, the machinery can't be stopped for a couple of days as in a factory, but men must work on farms about the stock daily, just as women must in their houses. Besides being heavy and monotonous, the work is lonely and without diversions. Is it wonderful then that people avoid it when they have known of other trades; that they only stick to it when, brought up all their lives on farms and in the depth of the country, they have not learned of the comforts and amusements of city life and its probably better wages? Yet it is necessary for the state that some people should be induced doggedly to go on living and working on farms, for otherwise we shall all starve. How can the state secure that this unpopular service shall go on being rendered? Is there any other way than by raising the agriculturist's remuneration? And can that be done otherwise than by protection? A very unpopular method, that, to us who are townsmen, and will have to pay more for our food and get nothing directly out of the money paid for protection. But what other way is there Suppose we do take all duties off food? What is going to happen? Let us suppose we pay 25 cents a pound for mutton now, and that there is a duty of 2 cents. Off comes the duty. Perhaps the consumer gets mutton for 23 cents. Certainly the butcher will only give the Vancouver Island farmers a dollar less for his sheep, provided there are sheep enough available in Oregon their price being now $1.50 less to the butcher than before. And if our farmer is to get a dollar less for each sheep will he have the same inducement to increase his flock for next year, will he pay his men as before, and will be pay as many men as before, and next year will not the Oregon farmer find there are fewer sheep then in Vancouver Island, and that the market is more at his mercy than ever, so he can raise his prices and we shall be paying the money of the duties again, but to Oregon, not to the Dominion. Shall we be much better off? Of course prices will rise any way. They are measured in gold, and with a million pounds worth of gold coming weekly from South Africa to London prices cannot but go on soaring. But without protection here and now how are we to get more food grown on Vancouver Island, in British Columbia, in Canada. And we want to get food grown as near us as may be, to save the freight charges which help to swell our bills. If protection is such a good thing for the farmer as I'm saying, why does he ask for free trade? Just at present the United States wants more food than she produces, and she has plenty of money to pay for it, so she is sucking our reserves of cattle out of us, and she wants our wheat, too, and in Manitoba and Ontario, the farmer sees it to his advantage that he shall sell to the nearer markets south of the line rather than hold his stock to sell to us in the West with all the delays incident on the long haul, and if our tariff is removed (and in that country I take it, the tariff on imports makes the Dominion nothing, there being practically no spare food in the United States but fruit, tomatoes and such like), the farmer will be spared the United States tariff, and will get a fraction more for everything he sells, making perhaps a lot of difference in his profit. Very nice for him, but does as good business for us in the western end of the Dominion. We want the farmer to send his produce east and west first of all, and not to send it south to the United States before our needs are supplied. And if you put it to him so I daresay he would agree with you, in words, but as to deeds. Well he would go on selling in the best market, any one would, without any ruth for his fellow citizens who may by and by go short. That is precisely the selfish position into which all free traders ultimately get. The protectionist is also selfish, no doubt, but his is a wider more provident selfishness, a selfishness for the nation not only for his own individual self just now. He sees that the first lien on the country's food which she has herself produced, is that her own people shall be fed, and that only the overplus shall be exported. In times of scarcity he puts a duty on the export of food, and no import duty, in moderate times a duty on the import of food the country can produce to encourage the farmer, and in times of plenty when the country has more food than it wants a bounty is given on exports. That was the scheme of the old English sliding scale which did agriculture well in the French wars, but was abolished with the Corn Laws in the forties. If you won't stand for that, what is before you? If we in the cities are not content to pay more for our food this year to increase the wages and returns of people making food for us in the country how do we hope there will be more land under cultivation in the island next year? How do we hope there will be more people working on the island farms next year How do we hope that our food next year will not cost us more than ever? Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whom people in England first learned to respect and appreciate because he brought forward imperial preference so prominently when other people were silent about it though it was in the hearts of most of us, is preaching free trade, and a fascinating gospel, too, but he once proposed that Canada without an army of any size, without a navy, should make her treaties with foreign navies herself, and that makes one doubt if he has given to this free trade question the deep study which is required of a leader. At any rate, he stands for free trade. How then, perhaps you can tell us, does he, do you, hope to increase the production of food in Canada next year and the year after that? How can you get more men to work on farms unless you pay them better, and how can you get them paid better unless we are all forced to subscribe to them by paying duties on imported food which can be produced here so that the farmers will get more for their produce, and be able to pay better wages. And as they get this advantage from us, in return there shall be a duty on exports until the statesmen at Ottawa see that we have in Canada enough for ourselves. But prices are going to rise anyway, and we must all work harder.

W. E. H.

MOST UNKINDEST CUT.

To the Editor,—That surely was the most unkindest cut of all when Mr. Gleason repudiated the Voters' League. That body has always been as faithful to Mr. Gleason as ever any Newfoundland dog was to its master. Morley, Gleason and a certain other gentleman have always been its heroes, its idols, its personification of everything that is wise, honest and statesmanlike. It has worked for them, collected funds for their election expenses and done all kinds of dirty work for them—even lied for them. Now that it has got itself into disrepute in its attempts to disfranchise by wholesale a number of electors, Mr. Gleason turns on it and gives it a vicious kick.

In his letter of repudiation, published in the Times of the 19th, he tells us that the Voters' League is no child of his, that he is not its candidate, and that its members are not on his committee.

Now what is the Voters' League going to do about it? Will it in turn repudiate Mr. Gleason? Will it brush him aside and again run its idol, Morley? It looks that way just now. It has been known for some time that the Voters' League people were becoming tired of Mr. Gleason as a candidate, seeing only sure defeat before him if he continued in the fight. It looks very much, too, as if Mr. Morley has been busily trying to create a situation where he will have to step in again and run, "to save the city," as a prominent supporter of his expressed it.

Many of Mr. Stewart's supporters are hoping also that this change will be made. They would evince a great deal of solid satisfaction in having a chance this year to cross swords with Crusoe himself. So far the game looks to be too one-sided to be interesting.

H.

LIKES FAIR PLAY.

To the Editor:—Is Ald. Gleason a wobbler? In the same issue that he is so described by a correspondent he well nigh answers in the affirmative by hasty dissociating himself from the attempt of the Voters' League to stamp out an iniquitous method of registration of voters, and the natural result following the loose method in vogue.

Ald. Gleason is quite cognizant of the fact that through false declarations, blandly winked at by certain politicians, applications were made by persons not legally entitled to be on the list of voters, irrespective of the evidence provided the mayor at the previous sitting for the revision of votes, and the alderman missed a fine opportunity of setting his face against fraudulent methods to put on the list of voters certain men whose proclivities tend in a direction that is not good for clean electioneering. At least, that is what a considerable number of clear-headed business men are saying.

I do not think Ald. Gleason is a wobbler, must confess that he does not strike one as a man of initiative or executive ability, but on the other hand his record stands out better for a cleaner, more moral and economical managed city than that of his competitor for the mayoral chair.

The very fact that every applicant for a provincial or Dominion position, even if it be of the humblest position in the post office, has to have the backing of W. H. Price before the postmaster will seriously consider the filling of a vacancy makes it absolutely necessary that no further registration of voters are made in that gentleman's office, and notwithstanding all his disclaimers irregularities did occur, and the Voters' League were attempting to do a public duty that neither the Tories nor Grits had sufficient spunk to attempt, for which they are to be congratulated.

I know Mr. Price is a decent sort of a fellow, and not by any means quite as black as even the Times paints him on occasions. Nevertheless, as the most astute electioneering agent in this province, it is dangerous playing into his hands, and Ald. Gleason's hasty letter would imply that knowing these irregularities to be practised he is willing for the sake of popularity to blandly wink with the rest of the wily politicians, who in various provinces of Canada have squandered principles wholesale for the highest scientific planes of thievery, i. e., graft.

Whatever W. H. Price, Ald. Gleason or the Colonist think or say as to the Voters' League action regarding the revision of voters lists, it is to be greatly desired that henceforth registration will be made at the city hall under regulations free from party influence or graft. Without cumbrous formality and needless additional expense, and at convenient hours every man and woman entitled to vote for municipal elections could be registered; and the man or woman who would not take the trouble to get on the list does not deserve the franchise. A thing that is worth having is worth the trouble of securing, and this maudling nonsense amongst bank clerks and others of like ilk who desire the wet nursing of W. H. Price or any other political agent is not to be tolerated. The almost affectionate concern of W. H. Price for these voters in the down town business places is too patent for reasoning men.

We desire clean methods of registration, and, then we shall probably get a cleaner method of voting. The result of the recent election on the island gave us ample evidence of the packed ballot box, and of the hop-nobbing with such gentlemen as R. F. Green and his able coadjutor.

As for Mr. Stewart's wrathful and random shafts about "would be reformers," many people remember his attitude towards those who desired a cleaning up of the city when he occupied a position on the aldermanic bench to heed his opinion of an organization that stands for the purity of citizenship, and who have the moral courage tod o right in accordance with what they know to be standing evils.

If the Grits were as determined to put a stop to graft and packed ballot boxes there would be some hope for the Liberal party in British Columbia, but alas, so many people believe them to be as bad as their opponents, and it is only opportunity that is wanting to make them worse. I am only a looker on at present, but having a trifle of Yorkshire gumption I know a bull's foot from an elephant's tooth, and I like fair play.

A. J. TURTLE.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20, 1913.

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December 22 is the birthday of the Rev. George Munro Grant, the famous author, clergyman and principal of Queen's University, in Nova Scitia, 1835. Principal Grant was forty-one years old and a resident of Halifax when he was called to the presidency of Queen's, which he was largely instrumental in transforming into a great institution of learning. His pen first revealed to the world the great possibilities of the Canadian west. He died in Kingston in 1902.

HUMAN PROCESSION

Sir Richard Everard Webster, first Baron Alverstone, who recently retired as Lord Chief Justice of England, will pass his seventy-first milestone in life to-day. The venerable jurist has been granted an annuity of $20,000. In relinquishing the ermine to Sir Rufus Isaacs, Lord Alverstone established a precedent as being the first lord chief justice in England's history to resign the office. Lord Alverstone was one of the British commissioners appointed to decide the Alaska boundary dispute between the United States and Canada, and he cast his vote with the United States commissioners. Continued ill health and not any belief in the theory that advancing years necessarily detract from a man's ability, caused Lord Alverstone to quit the bench.

"The great men I have known," said Lord Alverstone shortly before his retirement, "have done their best work between the ages of sixty-five and eighty, or certainly between sixty-five and seventy. Physical infirmities incident on age may affect a man's judgment, but I am convinced that this is not so often the case as many would have us believe."

Richard Everard Webster was born on December 22, 1842. At Cambridge he stood high in scholarship and as an athlete, and he could cover a mile in very near to record time. His rise in the profession of law was not rapid, but it was thorough. He achieved prominence in one year, entering Parliament in 1885, and within the twelvemonth becoming attorney-general of England and a knight bachelor. He was a thinker rather than an orator, and his lack of eloquence, all the more pronounced because as attorney-general he was frequently pitted against men who had kissed the Blarney Stone, led to the application by his political enemies of the title "Sir Wretched" Webster. He was attorney-general from 1885 until 1900, except for a period of three years, and in 1900 good fortune again visited upon him a triple honor. Early in that year he was given the lucrative position of master of the rolls, and before the year was out he was made chief justice, at a salary of $40,000 a year, and was created a lord.

In the famous Alaska boundary dispute Lord Alverstone cast the deciding vote against his own country. The commission met in 1903, with Elihu Root, then secretary of war; ex-Senator George Turner, of Washington, and Senator Henry C. Lodge, of Massachussets, representing the United States. The British commissioners were Sir Louis A. Jette and Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, of Canada, and Lord Alverstone. After a month of arguments both the United States and the Canadian commissioners were still firmly convinced of the justice of their contentions, and it remained for Baron Alverstone to play the role of arbitrator. The award, signed by Lord Alverstone and the three United States commissioners, gave to the United States a valuable part of Alaska, although Canada gained a few small islands and was conceded one of her main contentions for a good Alaskan harbor.

Lord Alverstone's ability as a jurist has been criticized by political opponents, and as zealously defended by his friends, but his honesty, his sincerity and his adherence to his highest conception of justice have never been questioned.

FIRST THINGS

The first newspaper published in Philadelphia was the American Weekly Mercury, which issued its first number 194 years ago to-day, December 22, 1719. It was the third newspaper in the American colonies, its two predecessors having been published in Boston. The publication was "printed and sold by Andrew Bradford, at the Bible, in the Second street, and John Copson, in the High street." Bradford, like the founders of the Boston News-Letter and the Boston Gazette, was a postmaster. His father, William Bradford, had established the first printing office in America outside of New England. The postmaster-editor had his troubles with the authorities, and was warned, on pain of imprisonment and the confiscation of his printing plant, never to publish anything about the political affairs of the colonies. The reprimand and warning followed the publication of an article which Bradford explained had been inserted by a journeyman printer without his knowledge. Bradford had other disputes with the powers that ruled Philadelphia, and on one occasion was committed to prison, but was released. He continued the publication of the Mercury until his death in 1742, when the paper was continued by his widow, the first woman editor in America. The second Philadelphia paper, the Universal Instructor in All the Arts and Sciences and Pennsylvania Gazette, was founded in 1728, and taken over by Benjamin Franklin the following year.

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NEW, 5-ROOM HOUSE to rent, 432 Powell street, close to Parliament Buildings, to party without children. Apply 122 Michigan street. d22

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TO THE FARMER—We can loan you money on your farm. Burdick Brothers, Ltd., 620 Broughton street. d23

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WANTED—HOUSES.

WANTED—By January 1, 3 or 4 roomed house, fairly close in and handy to car; must be strictly bargain. Give lowest net cash price, also price for terms, and full particulars to Box 2719, Times Office. Principals only. d24

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—Electric heater, cheap for cash. Phone 1187. d24

WANTED—Clean cotton rags. Apply Times Office. o28 tf

FOR SALE—LOTS.

CITY LOT, $850, Cook and Finlayson, high, good lot; cash $200, or offer; must sell. Hampton road, off Burnside, $100 cash; price $850; fine lot, buildings all round and close to car. Near Cook and Quadra, 9 lots at $675 each; only $75 cash each, balance arranged. Edwin Frampton, Phone 928, McGregor Bldg., corner View and Broad streets. d23

WATERFRONT LOT on Hollywood Crescent at $3,000, from owner, 1-3 cash, balance arranged. P. O. Box 1307. d23

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WALNUT STREET—Near Clarke street, nice lot; $800, terms easy. Clarke Realty Co., 721 Yates street. Phone 471. d22

McRAE HEIGHTS—Several nice lots; $600 each, $100 cash, balance easy. Clarke Realty Co., 721 Yates street. Phone 471. d22

FOR SALE—HOUSES.

FOR SALE—At a snap, good 6 roomed house on Quadra street, partly furnished, ready to move into; only $700 cash; price $4,300. By owner, S. H. J. Mason, 1007 Hillside avenue. d23

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FIVE ROOMED BUNGALOW, new, thoroughly up-to-date, with all built-in features, buffet, china closet, fireplace, beamed ceiling, panelled walls, plate rail, electric fixtures, laundry trays, cement floor in basement, between Fort and Oak Bay car lines. Apply builder, 1751 Davie street. Price $3,600. d27

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HOUSE AND LOT near Douglas street, on two-mile circle; only $650, cash $250, balance rent; price was $1,000; this is really a splendid buy; the lot is easily worth the amount asked. See us at once. The Griffith Co., Hibben-Bone Bldg., 1122 Government street. d23

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FOR SALE—2 acres of land and 5-room house, well built, cement foundation and basement, numerous fruit trees, consisting of cherry, apple, plum and peaches, all full bearing, barn and chicken houses; the above is about 5 miles from the city; price $3,650; terms, $500 cash, balance arranged to suit purchaser. Apply to D. Lewis, Room "B," Campbell Block. Phone 1299. d23

COLWOOD—Five acres of good land, main road frontage, for $1,900, terms. John Greenwood, 613 Sayward Block. d23

GOOD BUYING—Six acres, 3½ miles from City Hall, close to Wilkinson road station; $6,000, terms. John Greenwood, 613 Sayward Block. d23

STRAWBERRY VALE—Four miles from City Hall, six acres of first-class land, all in orchard and garden, 5-room house, barn and chicken houses, facing good road; owner will sacrifice for $8,500, terms. John Greenwood, 613 Sayward Block. d23

FARMS AT SHAWNIGAN—56 acres, with new house, price $7,500, cash $1,000; 13 1-3 acres, Raymond's Crossing, for $2,000, quarter cash; both these farms adjoin railway; 10 acres and house, barn, etc., at Cobble Hill, for $2,000, $500 cash; 320 acres for $35 per acre, with mile of waterfront, some good grass land along river. For snaps in acreage enquire Edwin Frampton, Phone 928, corner View and Broad streets (McGregor Bldg.) d23

COUNTRY HOMESITES—Three 2½-acre homesites, within easy distance of Victoria, all in orchard and strawberries, situated on the best part of Gordon Head, overlooking the sea. One parcel has new seven-room house, piped for furnace, garage, chicken run, well, etc. Adjoining church and school; choicest property in Gordon Head. $2,000 an acre and up. See owner, H. M. Ozard, 3046 Carroll street, Victoria.

APPEAL

To the Taxpayers of Saanich Municipality Resident in City of Victoria.

The residents of Saanich Municipality, through their representatives, the Central Ratepayers' Association, whose members have been elected at open public meetings throughout the Municipality, appeal to their fellow taxpayers in the City of Victoria to make careful inquiry into the various questions affecting the Municipality, before voting for Reeve and Councillors.

The Central Association places full confidence in George McGregor for Reeve and the following ticket of Councillors for the various wards: Ward 1, F. C. Borden; Ward 2, A. R. Sherwood; Ward 3, Sidney Williams; Ward 4, J. O'Connell; Ward 5, J. A. Grant; Ward 6, A. R. Colby; Ward 7, J. Adams.

The residents know their own interests best: What are their interests, are your interests.

Committee Rooms—1236 Government St., Victoria. Phone 1650.

THE PLATFORM.

1. **MUNICIPAL ENGINEER**—The appointing of an experienced and reliable Engineer, who shall devote his whole time to the service of the Municipality.

2. **PAVING**—That the paving contract now let should be carried out to completion under the terms of agreement, under rigid supervision, and that Saanich residents be employed in preference to outsiders.

3. **WATER**—The adoption of comprehensive Water Schemes to be paid for as Local Improvements by areas benefited, the purchasing of water by bulk, and the consolidation of the small systems already existing.

4. **SEWERS**—The immediate establishment and construction of comprehensive Sewer Systems, in the areas where these are required, to be paid for as Local Improvements by the areas benefited.

5. **CURRENT REVENUE**—The expenditure of Current Revenue proportionally amongst the Wards, according to each ward's assessment.

6. **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT**—The prosecution of all important work of local benefit, only by By-law under the Local Improvement Act.

7. **EXECUTIVE**—To render the office Staff more efficient, and to reorganize the Police Force.

8. **GENERAL POLICY**—To follow a generally Progressive Policy, consistent with reason and economy, in order to render the whole Municipality desirable and attractive.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Janet Drever, Deceased, Intestate.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of Janet Drever, who died on the 22nd day of September, 1913, are required to send particulars of the same, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of January, 1914, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned.

After the 3rd day of January, 1914, the administrator will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated the 3rd day of December, 1913.

BODWELL & LAWSON,
Solicitors for the Administrator, John David Drever.
918 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

Money To Loan

I have the following small amounts to loan on first mortgage at current rates of interest:

$500 $1,000 $2,000
$750 $1,200 $2,100
$800 $1,500 $2,500

Prompt reply. No delay. Bring in your application.

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For Country Homes.

Rich soil, grand view, 2, 3 and 5-acre tracts, $500 an acre up.

SECURITY UNDERWRITERS LIMITED
Belmont Building Phone 2231.

For Rent

8-room House, furnished, Dallas Road, near Beacon Hill Park, at, per month $75.00

8-room House, 1039 Pandora St., modern, at, per month $30.00

8-room House, Constance Ave., Esquimalt, waterfront, at, per month $40.00

8-room House, 652 Battery St., James Bay, at, per month, only $30.00

10-room House, corner Queen's Ave. and Cook St., at, per month $50.00

3-room House, Easter Road, at, per month $8.00

R. S. DAY & B. BOGGS

Telephone 30.
520 Fort St., Victoria. Estab. 1890.

FOR SALE—LOTS.

ARE YOU A JUDGE OF A GENUINE SNAP? Here's one if there ever was one. Beautiful, grassy, view lot, 48x107, on Blackwood street, close to Finlayson, for only $750, almost half of its actual value. How about this for a Christmas gift? Quarter cash handles. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. d24

FOR SALE—HOUSES.

THE WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION is the cottage built for two, and being five rooms allows for good measure. We have it, just newly finished, with all the charming new conveniences, furnace, fireplace, light fixtures, window shades, cement basement, paved streets, close in; Fairfield; specially priced for a Christmas offering for a day or two at $3,850, nice easy terms. You should talk with Cole to-night. Office open evenings till 9. Tel. 1897. 524 Sayward Bldg. d24

WILL SACRIFICE new, 7 roomed bungalow, Fairfield district, fitted up in a superior manner with sideboard, bookcases, beamed ceilings, built-in seats, polished floors, electric fixtures, cement basement, etc., lot fenced and just off car route, for $4,800 for good first payment; $1,000 below value. Builder, Phone 4529L. d24

SEVEN ROOMED HOUSE, lot 43x122, snap at $2,000, very easy terms; this is inside mile and half circle. P. O. Box 933. d22

JAMES BAY SNAPS AS INVESTMENTS—Seven roomed house, full sized lot, $4,000; five roomed house, lot 60x120 $3,500; five roomed house, close in, partly furnished, $4,500; lot near Dallas, $2,500, 46x197; lot 45x80, snap at $1,650; all on very easy terms. Apply P. O. Box 939, city. d22

A QUEEN'S PALACE—Beautiful ten-room house, just newly built for a private home, but on account of financial affairs must sacrifice it for $18,000, $8,000 cash; steam heat, large lot, garage, Rockland avenue district, grand view; there is not a better home in Victoria. Talk with Cole to-night. Open evenings till 9. Telephone 1897. 524 Sayward Bldg. d24

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

BUSINESS WOMAN would give light services or care for children in exchange for room and part board. Box 1142, Times. d22

FOR RENT—5 and 6-room, new, modern bungalow, furnace and fireplace, rent $25, Oak Bay. We have them at all kinds of prices, furnished and unfurnished. Office open evenings till 9, Tel. 1897. 524 Sayward Bldg. William A. Cole, the rent man. d24

TO RESPONSIBLE PARTY without children, the use of three-room apartment, fully furnished, modern, close in and desirable neighborhood, at an exceptionally small rental, with no outlay of money. For appointment, Box 1286, Times. d22

XMAS TREES at Foxgord's, 25c. up. 1608 Douglas. Phone 706. d22

FREE OFFICE RENT at 734 Pandora, to one who would attend telephone. Pacific Heating & Plumbing Co. d24

POST OFFICE COPES WITH HEAVY MAILS

Whole Staff on Duty Yesterday First Big Consignment From East

In order to cope with the heavy mails which are being handled by the post office six additional carriers have been put on this week, this making the carrier-staff in the city no less than forty-seven at the present time. A heavy English mail came in yesterday, and another is expected either to-day or to-morrow; by way of New York. On Tuesday evening or Wednesday still another parcel post is looked for by way of the Allan liner to Canada, and every department of the office will be working to top limit.

Yesterday the whole post office staff was on duty all day, the sorting office being particularly busy with the incoming and outgoing mails. The parcel post department has now put on two men to handle the business of that section, and, judging by the shelves and shelves of packages and parcels, theirs is not one of the least busy departments. Three truckloads of parcels and other mail went out this morning by the E. & N., which had to put on an extra car to convey the heavier traffic in this respect. Close on three thousand notices were sent out in connection with the parcel post this morning, notifying receivers of the fact that parcels were lying at the office for them.

The postmaster is still receiving a few letters addressed to Santa Claus, but, judging by the falling-off in this gentleman's correspondence, it is assumed that most of the little correspondents are fairly punctual in making their requests.

The first heavy mail came in from eastern Canada last night, and 750 bags of mail were re-sorted from the Oriental mails to send to the United States.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST—$45, on Government street, Saturday night. Reward. Box 1283, Times. d24

MRS. E. HOOD, maternity nurse, Phone 4402L.

FOR SALE OR HIRE—A first-class projecting lantern, complete with rheostat and cut out. Phone 1930. d24

LOST—Turquoise and pearl round earring. Finder return 197 Pemberton Block. Reward. d24

WANTED—At once, third class engineer. Apply Brown Bros. & Co., 618 View St. d22

NEW HOUSE TO RENT—4 rooms, cement basement, electric light and water, Alder street, close to Douglas street car. Apply W. Rowe, Calumet avenue. d22

WE HAVE $3,000 to loan on first mortgage, three years at 8 per cent., on inside property. Empire Realty Co., 641 Fort street. d22

WANTED—Cash register. Phone 4618, 721 Yates street. d24

FOUR UNFURNISHED ROOMS to let, use of bath. 803 King's road. d24

BUSINESS GIRL wants room and board, in private family. Box 1281, Times. d24

WANTED—Small furnished house or flat, 2 bedrooms. Write, stating rent and location, Box 1282, Times. d24

HATS—Men's hats at maker's prices, at the Victoria Hat Works, 844 View St.

LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN, BRAKEMEN, wages about $100; experience unnecessary. Send age, stamp. Railway, care Times.

BORN.

SCOTT—On 21st inst., at 1128 Collinson street, the wife of J. A. Scott, a son.

DIED.

COOK—On the 20th inst., at the family residence, Rockwood, Laurel Lane, occurred the death of Emily Maud Cook, beloved wife of Mr. Peter Cook, aged 31 years. She leaves to mourn her loss husband and three children in this city, also father and mother, four brothers and three sisters in Vancouver.

The funeral will be held at the residence on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2.30. Rev. Mr. Inkster will officiate. Interment at Ross Bay.

Friends please accept this intimation.

Funeral arrangements with Hanna & Thomson.

ESTLIN—On the 20th inst., at his home, Gordon Head, Charles Prior Estlin, aged 52 years. Born at Burnham, Somerset, England, late of Melita, Manitoba. The deceased has been a resident of Gordon Head for the past six months, and leaves to mourn his loss, besides his mother, two sisters, Mrs. F. E. Aitkens and Miss Estlin, of Gordon Head, and two brothers, Alfred H. Estlin, of Melita, Manitoba, and E. F. Estlin, late of Regina, now a resident of Windsor, Ontario.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. F. E. Aitkens, Gordon Head, on Tuesday, December 23, at 2 o'clock, and 30 minutes later services will be held at St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill. Rev. Mr. Collinson will officiate. Interment at St. Luke's cemetery.

The funeral is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Furnishing Company, Quadra street.

CHUDLEY—On the 16th inst., Mary Jane Chudley, aged 58 years. Born Liverpool, England, for many years a resident of Victoria. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss one son, Albert V. Chudley, who resides at Cle Elum, Washington.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 23, at 2.30 o'clock, from the parlors of the Sands Funeral Furnishing Company, Quadra street. Rev. W. L. Clay will officiate. Interment in the family plot, Ross Bay cemetery.

BEAT VERNE'S TIME IN TOUR OF GLOBE

W. E. Staneland Returns From Interesting Voyage; Talked Finance Everywhere

After making a complete tour of the world in one day fewer than Jules Verne's famous hero, W. E. Staneland, the well-known paint merchant of Victoria, states that there was one absorbing topic of discussion at every port he touched—the financial situation. In the Far East everybody was in the blues owing to the low price of rubber. The big rubber companies were losing money on all sides, for this valuable product was fetching less than half its customary price.

At Colombo the newspaper reported four bank failures in India on one day. This was largely the result of the failure of two huge pearl firms, the market for pearls having lately gone to seed, owing to the success with which the oyster by-product is being manufactured in places much nearer the ultimate market than India.

In the old country financial men were all talking of the absurdly large sums of money demanded for improvements by western Canadian municipalities.

"They have no conception of the rapid growth of western places," stated Mr. Staneland in explanation.

Mr. Staneland's voyage was the result of ill health and he spent 67 of his 79 days on the sea. The trip was most refreshing, but he said he did not think he would run again for school trustee this year, improved as was the condition of his health.

"I'll wait for another year or so, I think, although I have been approached already." Mr. Staneland returned only Saturday.

"One of the things that impressed me on the voyage was that no matter where I went I met Victoria people—at Shanghai, Hongkong, Port Said, London, Liverpool and Montreal. On the steamer Victorian coming across the Atlantic, of 29 first class passengers nine were bound for Victoria."

Other points of interest which Mr. Staneland commented upon were that Mount Aetna and Stromboli were both violently active when he passed them, that the flagship of the Italian navy had run ashore in the Straits of Messina just prior to his passing through, and that the German ship in which he travelled from Hongkong to Naples had to do all her coaling at British stations.

POSTMASTER AND PATIENCE

Says no Clerks Have Been Dismissed or Foreigners Appointed to Exclusion of Canadians.

Postmaster Shakespeare stated to the Times to-day that most of the complaints made by "Patience" in a letter appearing in Saturday's issue were quite inaccurate. It is not true to say that clerks have been dismissed, or that men from distant lands have been employed to the exclusion of Canadians. Clerks have left of their own accord, and some because they could not meet the requirements of the civil service regulations. The specific charge that a letter mailed at Milne's Landing was delayed in transmission may or may not have been the fault of the Victoria post office; all the facts should be known before responsibility is placed. The postmaster does not claim infallibility for his staff, but considering the enormous increase in mail matter now handled at the Victoria office and especially at this season of the year, and remembering further that errors are sometimes the result of the senders' carelessness in addressing or stamping, he believes the work is performed with a minimum of errors and delays in delivery of mails. The postmaster would be pleased if persons having a complaint to make would go directly to him and state the facts, when he will cause immediate investigation to be made. The error, if any, would in that way be ascertained and corrected. This request is not unreasonable.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ross Bay Driveway.—It is the intention of City Electrician Hutchison to turn on the lights along the Ross Bay driveway this evening, the installation now being complete.

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Building Permits.—Building permits have been granted to H. M. Cowper for a residence at 1257 Basil street, costing $1,900, and to Mrs. Wookey for stores at 2639 Shelbourne street. Forty-one permits have been issued to date this month.

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Confer with Owners.—This afternoon Alderman Dilworth and Alderman Porter met property owners on Douglas street, south of Humboldt street, in connection with the widening scheme, particularly the property owned by Weller Brothers, Ltd.

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Saanich Municipal Campaign.—The ratepayers of ward six (Saanichton district) will meet on Saturday evening in connection with the municipal campaign, when a candidate will be formally nominated. A. R. Colby has been mentioned for the Ratepayers' Association as its nominee against Councillor Verdier.

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Benefit Auction.—The members of the Sons of England lodges Alexandra and Pride of the Island, will assemble at the lodge room of Lodge Pride of the Island in the A. O. F. hall, Broad street, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of holding an auction for the benefit of the family of a deceased brother.

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Y. M. C. A. Classes.—All the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes will run on schedule throughout the holidays, with the exception of Thursday and Friday. All the educational classes, however, have been suspended for the two weeks, corresponding with the vacation given by the public schools, while the Bible classes have also been suspended for the same period.

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Literary Meeting.—The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Columba church, Oak Bay, will hold their literary meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. The topic under debate will be "Resolved That the Bible has Done More for the Advancement of Civilization Than the Sword." The affirmative will be led by Mr. Monroe, while the negative will be led by Mr. Kent. A hearty welcome is addressed to everyone.

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Rainfall Below Average.—The rainfall for December this year has been greatly below the average for Victoria and district, and it would be well-nigh impossible for the amount to be made up in the remaining days of the month unless some unusual condition occurs. The average for the year is also below the average fall, which is 27.74 inches. Seismologically the world is resting, and there are no reports of any "shakers" within the past week or ten days.

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New Observatory.—Progress is being made as rapidly as possible with the new observatory, and it is quite anticipated that the seismological offices will be installed there within the course of the next two or three weeks. Inside workmen are busy with the plastering; outside the final coats of white paint are being put on. Progress with this finishing work, however, depends largely on the nature of the weather for the next few weeks.

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Bishan Singh Case Postponed.—The case of Bishan Singh, in connection with the sale of prepaid tickets from Calcutta was listed for to-day in the Supreme court. Mr. Davie was on hand when Mr. Justice Gregory took his seat on the bench. A. H. Macneill, K. C., Vancouver, was present on behalf of the company. There was found to be another action on the docket for to-day, in which the parties were ready, and this being called ahead of the other the latter was set over until to-morrow.

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Y. M. C. A. Christmas Sunday.—Special services were held yesterday at the Y. M. C. A. in connection with Christmas Sunday. At 4 o'clock a large number of members and others gathered in the main hall to hear the address given by Very Rev. A. J. Doull, Dean of Columbia. The musical programme was of a special character, Prof. Claudio's orchestra giving some delightful numbers, and the Y. M. C. A. quartette (Messrs. S. J. Hendra, D. A. Davies, M. W. Mann and Taylor) singing. At 5.45 the usual fellowship tea was served, M. G. Phillips reciting "The Other Wise Man," which was much appreciated. President George Bell addressed the 9 o'clock "Round-Up" in the evening, on "The Spirit of Christmas." All the gatherings were more than usually well-attended.

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More "Goodfellows" Needed.—Despite the fact that about fifteen generous spirits have joined the ranks of the "Goodfellows" with the idea of taking cheer and good things to homes that otherwise would not have these at Christmas-tide, there are still nearly two dozen more wanted for the work. The headquarters are at the Friendly Help rooms, Market buildings, and anyone who would like the responsibility of making a poor family happy on Christmas day should send in his name at once. It is pleasant work, and it has been rumored that they are the only shoppers who are able to tumble down and keep on smiling while passers-by re-load the spilled contents of their baskets.

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Special Christmas Brew of the famous Pilsener "Hofbrau" and Humbser Beers on draught at "The Kaiserhof."

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Friendly Help.—A corps of about fifteen workers has been busy up at the Friendly Help rooms all day packing up the hampers which are being sent out to needy families of the city with Christmas provisions, a few articles of new clothing, and toys for the children. Never before in the history of the organization, the secretary declares, have friends been so generous in their response to the appeal for help. Cheques, groceries, clothing, candies and supplies of toys have come in in generous quantities, and there has been no difficulty in preparing good hampers, which are being sent out as quickly as they can be prepared. Reference was made by the Dean of Columbia in his sermon at the cathedral yesterday morning to the excellent work being carried on by the Friendly Help, and the sight of the dozens of big boxes packed and ready to send out is further assurance of the fact.

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Arena Skating Club.—There will be no sessions of the Arena skating club on either Christmas or New Year's day. This evening and next Monday evening, however, the club will meet as usual.

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Hindus in Courts.—In both supreme and police courts to-day there was a preponderance of Hindus among the spectators. There have been Hindus in the police court nearly every day for the past week, there being two cases in which their race is concerned.

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No Interpreter Ready.—There was no interpreter to be found in the police court to-day who could translate into English the evidence of a Hindu witness, and as a result a case had to be put over until to-morrow. The defendant is a Hindu real estate dealer, Nagina Singh, who is accused of failing to account to Babu Singh for $430 he had received from Genda Singh in payment for some property.

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Sent to Penitentiary.—Henry H. Henderson smiled when he was sentenced to-day by the police magistrate to two years in the penitentiary on a charge of passing a bogus cheque. There were four charges of the same kind against Henderson, to all of which he pleaded guilty on Saturday. He was given the same term on each, or eight years in all, but they will run currently. He had nothing to say when asked why sentence should not be passed, and evidently was not displeased with the term.

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Crystal Theatre.—The picture programme to-day is one of the finest presented by this theatre for some time. The Carman's War, a Kalem two-reel pre-historic picture is an exceptionally strong drama and holds the audience throughout the entire offering. The Vitagraph comedy featuring Sidney Drew is a good cure for the blues, and Pathe's weekly shows an unusual number of current topics that are interesting. Brinkman and Steel sisters present a novel comedy singing act that was thoroughly enjoyed. They are all finished artists and the audience enjoyed their several numbers. Robbins and Waller present a comedy act, The Porter, the Maid and the Piano. The man is a master of the piano and his trick playing and monologue was well put over.

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Ex-Service Men.—Imperial Veterans' Association of Canada have opened a free bureau of labor for ex-service men of his majesty's service, at 1009 Douglas street, at which those in want of employment will call and register. All employers of labor, desiring to employ ex-service men will please address 1009 Douglas street, or phone 3984. Theatres and picture show houses supplied with ex-service men wearing decorations, as door-keepers and ushers. Office building owners will be supplied with men of good characters as messengers, janitors or elevator men, and the general public with men willing to do all kinds of labor.

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Rowland's Concert Band.—The "Sancta Cecilia" mandolin club made its first public appearance last night at the concert given at the Victoria theatre under the auspices of Rowland's band, and the numbers given by it were given a very cordial ovation. The programme was exceptionally good, Miss Tyldesley, reader, rendering "The Road to Heaven" with great expression, and Paul Edmunds, baritone, giving a very spirited interpretation of the Toreador Song from "Carmen." One of the best numbers given by Rowland's band was the overture to "Poet and Peasant," which was encored. Next Sunday's programme will include Welsh selections by the band.

CHINESE CREATE INTEREST

Married Couple, Mistaken for Divorce-Seekers, Give Touch of Life to Supreme Court.

A Chinese group in the Supreme Court room to-day excited some curiosity among those in the chamber, and later on Mr. Justice Gregory unwittingly released a flood of Chinese eloquence that almost made him wish he had not spoken.

There were two men and a woman, the latter with a baby in her arms. Another child, a lad of ten, was left on the floor below in charge of a small baby carriage. The lady was dressed as if for a holiday, her native dress being of white silk with tiny dots of black through it.

She was sobbing at intervals in the conversation that was going on, and taking a hand in it in no uncertain tone. The man who was apparently the husband wiped his eyes furtively from time to time. As some of those in the court remarked, it was an unusual sight to see Chinese showing any sign of emotion in that way. The second man, rather elderly, was seemingly trying to effect a reconciliation—at least, it seemed so to those who thought there was a Chinese divorce case in sight.

After the court started and another case was taken up his lordship asked the group, who plainly had no interest in the matter before the court, what they were waiting for. The peacemaker, in broken English, explained that they were there as witnesses, and from what could be made out it was in some suit for money. Being assured that there was no case coming up just then, and being advised to look up their lawyer, the spokesman proceeded to tell the others and they began to discuss the matter excitedly. They were asked to get outside to talk it over and backed out of the door slowly. The lately sobbing wife was laying down the law to the husband in tones that were quite comprehensible to everyone even though her words were not.

PERSONAL.

The stork arrived at the residence of Jack O'Brien, one of the proprietors of the "Two Jacks' Dope" on Saturday evening. Mrs. O'Brien and son are well.

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Miss Gladys Piercy has returned to spend Christmas in Victoria from Haverdale College, Toronto. Her mother met her at Vancouver, and accompanied her to Victoria.

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DEBATE ON VATICAN IN ITALIAN CHAMBER

Question of Reconciliation to Be Brought Up by Anti-Clericals

Rome, Dec. 22.—The question of reconciliation between the pope and the Italian government, which was raised at Milan by the Archbishop of Udine and gave rise to unofficial statements that the pope himself desired to end the long fight regarding the temporal sovereignty of the Vatican, is shortly to come for debate in parliament and may result in a cabinet crisis.

The anti-clericals generally, realizing that a majority of the ministerial deputies owe their election to the Catholic vote, fear that Premier Giolitti will be compelled to favor the Catholics in order to retain power.

Premier Giolitti has already declared that if the Catholics expect compensation for their support of the government in the election they must wait a long time. The socialists seized on this declaration to challenge him to initiate an anti-clerical policy at once.

Signor Giolitti is thus forced to face the alternative of satisfying the anti-clericals and risking the hostility of the Catholics and the 230 liberals, who owe their election to the Catholic vote, or else losing the support of the radicals, several of whom are in his cabinet.

The premier may resign, leaving the question of reconciliation in abeyance, but it must be solved sooner or later.

In the meantime it is reported on good authority that Pope Pius will shortly issue a document officially examining the question and practically confirming the proposals of the Archbishop of Udine at Milan to the effect that the Vatican is prepared to abandon its claim to temporal sovereignty if international guarantees are given to the pope that his position will be respected.

In this case the Italian government would be forced to act without delay, as it is understood that the matter has been raised at the instance of the pope personally and his death might alter materially the entire situation and effectively prevent a settlement.

Archbishop Robert Seton of New York intends to return shortly to the United States to take up his permanent residence there. He hopes to be able to live at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Md., and is arranging to obtain lodgings there.

Archbishop Seton was a guest at a luncheon given this week by Ambassador Thomas N. Page. Others at the luncheon were Secretary Mills of the Anglo-American Archaeological Society and the Rev. John Bannister.

MENELIK'S DEATH IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

Addisabe, Abyssinia, Dec. 22.—It was officially announced here to-day that the Emperor Menelik is dead.

Emperor Menelik was born at Ankobar on July 12, 1848. He was a son of Haelie Melloeth, King of Shoa, and was reputed a direct descendant of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon.

PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE EXECUTION OF CHILDREN

New York, Dec. 22.—The New York American to-day says: "As proof of the most unbelievable state of barbarity found to exist in Mexico, Russell Hastings Millward, an English traveller, has forwarded a photograph showing the execution of a number of children. The children were driven into water, forced to hold their hands above their heads and were shot in the back. The tide carried their bodies away."

RE-PLAYED CUP TIE.

London, Dec. 22.—In a re-played football association cup tie game to-day Burslem Port Vale defeated Darlington by the score of one goal to nothing. This is the last of the re-played games to complete the schedule for the first round to be played Saturday, Jan. 10. Burslem Port Vale then go up against one of the strongest of the first division teams, Bolton Wanderers, who have only lost four games so far this season, and are three points behind the leaders of the division.

KRAFCHENKO CHARGED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Jack Krafchenko appeared before Provincial Police Magistrate Bonnycastle this morning, charged with the murder of Manager Arnold of the Bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee, Man., and the theft of $4,549 from that institution. He was remanded for a week without pleading.

Krafchenko has been held since his arrest on a charge of supplying a revolver illegally.

BENNETT BURLEIGH RETIRES.

London, Dec. 22.—Bennett Burleigh, war correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph since 1882, is retiring. In the American civil war he was twice condemned to death. During the same period he was held a prisoner for some time in Toronto jail. Mr. Burleigh is a familiar figure at the Bisley July meeting and well known to many Canadians.

TURKEYS NOW CHEAPER.

London, Ont., Dec. 22.—Turkeys took a drop of 15 cents a pound on the local market to-day. The reason given is that on account of the high prices last year a large number were raised this year and they were held back during Thanksgiving time, with the result that the farmers and dealers are overstocked.

NEWSPAPERS MAY CHANGE.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—There is a persistent rumor in political and newspaper circles in the capital to-day that Sir Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star, is endeavoring to buy a chain of newspapers in the west.

DIES AGED 106.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Archibald Carmichael died last night at the age of 106 years. He was a carpenter by trade and enjoyed the best of health. The deceased was quite active when he passed the century mark.

OBITUARY

The death took place yesterday of Lang Yet Shu, the four-year-old daughter of Jim Shue, 1619 Government street. The funeral will take place from the rooms of the Sands Funeral Furnishing Co., Ltd., Quadra street, on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock. Interment at the Chinese cemetery.

ILL-TIMED TRIBUTE TO POPULARITY.

A well-known surgeon in our city, says the Glasgow News, had had a very hard week's work, and crept into bed in the wee sma' hours of a Sunday morning, meaning to rise in time for dinner, but just as he was dozing off he was disturbed by a telephone call from a town about thirty miles from Glasgow. It was from the secretary of a League football club, who wanted him to go there to perform an operation on one of their players (the doctor is famous for putting damaged footballers on their feet).

The medico shivered as he thought of a thirty-mile motor run in the middle of the night, and plaintively asked if it was really urgent. "Oh, no," was the reply, "it will do all right on Tuesday or Wednesday."

"Then what do you mean by ringing me up at this time of the night, disturbing my rest?" demanded the irate doctor.

"Well," explained the other, "we know you are always very busy, and that the only time you are sure to be at home is when you are in bed."

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J. S. FLOYD, Secretary.

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Extension of Time.—The time limit for receiving tenders has been extended to January 2, 1914.

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Financial News

ADVANCE MOVEMENT CHECKED BY C. P. R.

Firmness in Prices Otherwise but No Important News Over Holiday

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 22.—The market was adversely influenced by the weakness in Canadian Pacific and Western Union.

Apart from this there was a firm underneath strength throughout issues with advance movements checked by the aforesaid influences.

Pressure of liquidation continued discriminating and this cautious attitude of those holding bearish beliefs is one of the chief sustaining factors of present prices.

Nothing of importance occurred over the week-end to importantly affect the trend of the market and sentiment partook mostly of what characterized the latter of last week.

	High.	Low.	Bid.
Alaska Gold	21⅞	21	21⅛
Amal. Copper	72	70⅞	71⅛
Amn. Beet Sugar	23¾	23¼	23⅜
Amn. Can.	30¼	28¾	30⅛
Amn. Car. & Foundry	44⅞	44¼	44¼
Amn. Ice Securities	23¾	23	23¼
Amn. Locomotive	30	29⅜	29⅞
Amn. Smelting	64	62⅞	63¾
Amn. Sugar	108	107	106¾
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	123¼	121⅛	123
Anaconda	35	34⅜	34⅞
Atchison	94⅞	93¾	94⅛
B. & O.	93⅛	92⅛	93
B. R. T.	87⅛	85⅞	87⅜
C. P. R.	216⅛	214⅛	215⅞
Central Leather	26⅞	26¼	26⅞
C. & O.	58⅞	58⅛	58⅜
C. & G. W.	11⅞	11⅜	11
Do., pref.	28⅞	27⅞	27⅞
C., M. & St. P.	100⅞	100	100⅞
Colo. Fuel & Iron	28⅞	28	28⅛
Con. Gas	129⅞	129	129⅛
Distillers Sec.	21	18⅞	19
Erie	29	28⅛	28⅞
Do., 1st pref.	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛
G. N., pref.	126⅞	126	126⅛
G. N. Ore ctfs.	34	33	34
Illinois Cent.	106⅞	106⅞	106⅞
Inter-Metro.	15	14⅞	14⅞
Do., pref.	60⅞	59⅞	60⅛
Inter. Harvester	103⅛	101⅛	103
Lehigh Valley	153⅞	152⅞	153⅛
Mex. Petro.	46	44⅞	45⅛
Guggenheim	45⅛	44⅞	45⅛
New Haven	72⅞	70⅛	72⅛
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	126	125⅛	125
Mo. Pacific	25⅛	-	24⅛
Nev. Cons.	15	14⅞	15
N. Y. C.	93⅞	92⅛	93
N. & W.	104⅛	103⅛	104⅛
N. P.	109	108⅛	108
People's Gas	120⅞	120	120⅛
Pressed Steel Car	26⅛	26	26
Reading	166⅞	164⅛	166⅛
Rep. Iron & Steel	20⅛	19⅞	20
Do., pref.	81⅛	81	81⅛
Rock Island	14⅛	14	14⅛
Do., pref.	21⅞	21⅞	21⅛
Sloss Sheffield	29	28⅛	28
S. P.	89⅛	87⅛	89⅞
Sou. Railway	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞
Do., pref.	76⅞	76⅛	76⅛
Tenn. Copper	30⅛	30	30⅛
U. P.	155⅛	154	155⅛
U. S. Rubber	56	55⅞	55⅞
Do., 1st pref.	100⅞	100⅛	100
U. S. Steel	59⅞	58⅞	59⅛
Do., pref.	106⅛	106	105⅛
Utah Copper	49	48	48⅞
Va.-Car. Chem.	28	26⅞	28
Wabash, pref.	8⅞	8⅛	8⅛
Western Union	57	54⅞	56⅞
Westinghouse	64⅛	63⅞	64⅛
Granby (Boston)	72	71⅛	71⅞
Money on call			3½
Total sales, 487,500 shares.			2½

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GRAINS ON CHICAGO MARKET ARE LOWER

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Grains all showed some depreciation, with selling predominating in corn. The heavy receipts in the latter is the bearish influence with which the bull element in the market has to contend.

On the decline both wheat and corn came in for support, so the close was quite firmly inclined on a fair upturn.

Posting of the visible supply showed an increase of 1,376,000 bushels in wheat; 2,182,000 increase in corn; and oats decrease of 730,000 bushels.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	88⅛	88⅛	87⅞	87⅞
May	91	91⅛	90⅞	91
July	87⅞	87⅞	87⅛	87⅞
Corn—				
Dec.	69⅞	69⅞	68⅞	69
May	69⅛	69⅛	68⅞	69⅛
July	68⅞	68⅞	68⅛	68⅞
Oats—				
Dec.	39	39⅛	39	39⅛
May	41⅞	41⅞	41⅛	41⅞
July	41⅛	41⅛	40⅞	40⅞
Pork—				
Jan.	...	...	...	20.55
May	20.85	20.87	20.80	20.82
Lard—				
Jan.	10.65	10.67	10.65	10.66
May	11.07	11.0	10.95	10.97
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	10.80	10.80	10.77	10.77
May	11.05	11.10	11.07	11.07

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LONDON MARKET.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

London, Dec. 22.—Cheerful sentiment prevailed on the stock exchange to-day, but business was of a holiday character. There was some selling pressure in Canadian Pacific, but the bulk of American issues denoted soundness.

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NEW YORK COTTON.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 22.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	11.85	11.92	11.74	11.76-78
March	12.12	12.19	11.99	12.00-02
May	12.11	12.17	11.98	11.99-01
July	12.10	12.17	11.99	12.01-02
Aug.	11.90	11.90	11.89	11.80-81
Oct.	11.45	11.50	11.40	11.40-41
Dec.	12.15	12.18	12.01	12.02-03

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METAL MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 22.—Lead quiet, $3.95@$4.05; in London, £17 15s. Spelter steady, $5.15@$5.25; in London, £21 10s. Copper quiet; standard spot not quoted; December offered at ...15; January and February offered at $14.05; electrolytic, $14.37½@$14.50; lake, $15@$15.50, nominal; casting, $14@$14.12½. Tin weak; spot to January, $36.62½@$37; February, $36.67½@$37.50; March, $36.75@$37.25. Antimony dull; Cookson's, $7.45@$7.90. Iron quiet; No. 1 Northern, $15@$15.50; No. 2 Northern, $14.75@$15.25; No. 1 Southern, $15@$15.50; No. 1 Southern soft, $15.50.

GRANBY IS BEYOND SEVENTY-TWO MARK

Local List Exhibiting Buoyancy but Checked by New Holiday

The local list exhibited a good quality of buoyancy but showed the first visible signs of a close approaching holiday lull.

Granby was remarkably firm at 71½, and later in the day crossed the 72 mark in Boston, where the issue comes in for general trading.

A sale of five shares of Great West Permanent Loan, proceeds payable ten days, betokened a well-maintained condition in those shares, with inquiry of a good order.

The rest of prices had bare change but prices ruled throughout and feeling generally was favorably inclined.

	Bid.	Asked.
Balfour Patents, pref.	..	75
Blackbird Syndicate	..	110.00
B. C. Life	..	125.00
B. C. Trust Co.	100.00	..
B. C. Packers, com.	115.00	..
B. C. Refining Co.	.56	..
B. C. Copper Co.	2.00	3.00
Crow's Nest Coal	..	70.00
C. N. P. Fisheries	..	1.10
Can. P. S. Lumber Co.	..	2.00
Can. Cons. S. & R.	83.00	95.00
Coronation Gold	.25	.30
Dominion Trust Co.	100.00	..
G. W. Perm. Loan	124.00	130.00
Granby	71.50	73.00
International Coal & Coke	.30	.36
Lucky Jim Zinc	.02	.05
McGillivray Coal	.16	.25
Nugget Gold	..	.26
Portland Canal	.01½	.03
Pacific Loan	18.00	..
Rambler Cariboo	.23	.26
Red Cliff	.06	..
Standard Lead	1.40	..
Snowstorm	.22	.25
Stewart M. & D.	..	1.00
Slocan Star	..	.52
S. S. Island Creamery	7.50	..
Stewart Land	..	8.00
Victoria Phoenix Brew.	120.00	..
Unlisted.		
American Marconi	..	5.00
B. C. Coal & Oil	..	50.00
Canadian Marconi	..	4.00
Can. Pac. Oil	..	.06
Glacier Creek	..	.05
Island Investment	..	25.00
Kootenay Gold	.04	..
North Shore Ironworks	..	.35
Bakeries, Ltd.	..	11.00

Sales: 5 G. West Perm., 125½, buyer 10 days.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC IS DOWN AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Following the lead of London and New York, prices went off here, with C. P. R. as the leader. It opened at 216 and sold off to 214¾. Power sold 216½ to 216¼; Brazilian at 83; Spanish River at 91; Richelieu at 111½ to 111¼. Quebec Rails at 13¾, with bonds up to 51, a new high, due no doubt to the fresh rumors of the C. N. R. acquiring the road.

	Bid.	Asked.
B. C. Packers	122	126
Bell Tel.	142½	143
Brazil	83	83¼
Dom. Bridge	114	116
Can. Cement	28⅞	28⅞
Do., pref.	91	91½
C. P. R.	215⅞	216
Can. Cot., com.	32	36
Do., pref.	72	75
Crown Reserve	170	175
Can. Cony.	38	40
Can. Car Fdy.	..	61½
Detroit United	70	71
Dom. Canners	63	65
Dom. Iron & S.	28⅞	28⅞
Do., pref.	93	94
Ill. Traction	67	..
Lake of Woods	128	130
Laurentide	166	168
McDonald Co.	15	15½
Mackay, com.	76	79
Montreal Power	216	216½
Mex. Light, com.	48	52
N. S. Steel	75	78
Ogilvie, com.	..	119
Ottawa Power	..	165
Penman, com.	..	50
Quebec Railway	14⅞	14⅞
R. & O. Nav. Co.	111	111½
Shawinigan	131	134
Sherwin Williams	53	54
Do., pref.	..	99½
Soo Line	125	126½
Steel of Canada	..	20
Spanish River	9⅞	9⅞
Textile	81½	82
Toronto Railway	133	135
Tucketts	37	38
Twin City	104	105
Winnipeg Electric	..	200
Wyagamac	22	24
W. C. Power	51	54

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FLAX ADVANCES ON MARKET AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The market was dull and steady this morning, the only line showing activity being flax, which advanced something over one cent. European markets closed at declines. Chicago showed some strength at the opening, but weakened towards the close. There is little doing in cash circles and no new export business has been reported. Receipts show progressive falling off and inspections here for two days were 1,178 cars, and in sight 455. American receipts: Minneapalis, 815; Duluth, 119; and Chicago, 33.

Deliveries through the clearing house to-day were: Wheat, 128,000 bushels; oats, 72,000 bushels; flax, 29,500 bushels.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
Dec.	82⅞	82⅞
Jan.	..	83
May	89⅛	89⅛
July	90⅛	90⅛
Oats—		
Dec.	33⅞	33⅛
May	37⅞	37⅞
Flax—		
Dec.	122⅛	122
May	129	130

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 82⅞; 2 Nor., 80; 3 Nor., 76⅞; 4 Nor., 73⅞; 5 Nor., 66⅞; 6 Nor., 62⅞. Winter wheat—No. 1, 82⅞; No. 2, 80⅞; No. 3, 78⅞.

Oats—No. 2 C. W., 33⅞; No. 3, 32; extra No. 1 feed, 32⅞.

Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., 121⅞; No. 2 C. W., 119⅞.

Intellectual Life at the University.—Scene—College room. First Undergraduate—"Coming to brekker tomorrow?" Second Undergraduate—"No, you'd better come to me." First Undergraduate—"Why on earth should I?" Second Undergraduate—"All right, then, don't!" First Undergraduate—"Then I shall!"—Punch.

THE CITY MARKET

Oils.	
Pratt's Coal Oil	$1.65
Eocene	1.75
Meats.	
Hams (Swift's), per lb.	.27
Bacon (Swift's), per lb.	.25@ .32
Hams (American), per lb.	.29½
Premium Bacon	.30
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	.18@ .20
Veal, per lb.	.20@ .30
Suet, per lb.	.15
Beef, per lb.	.12½@ .30
Mutton, per lb.	.12½@ .25
Lamb, hindquarter	.30
Lamb, forequarter	.20
Farm Produce.	
Fresh Island Eggs	.65
Butter, Comox	.40
Butter, Salt Spring	.45
Lard, per lb.	.25
Butter, Cowichan	.55
Pastry Flours.	
Seal of Alberta, per bbl.	7.25
Moffet's Best, per sack	1.85
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	7.25
Western Canada Flour Mills.	
Purity, per sack	1.85
Purity, per bbl.	7.25
Hungarian Flour.	
Royal Household, per sack	1.85
Royal Household, per bbl.	7.25
Robin Hood, per sack	1.85
Robin Hood, per bbl.	7.25
Hungarian, Royal Standard, per sack	1.85
Hungarian, Royal Standard, per bbl.	7.25
Five Roses, per sack	1.85
Five Roses, per bbl.	7.25
Seal of Alberta, per sack	1.85
Snowflake, per sack	1.75
Snowflake, per bbl.	6.50
Wild Rose, per sack	1.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.75
Cereals.	
Rolled Oats, 7-lb. sack	.35@ .40
Rolled Oats, 20-lb. sack	1.05
Rolled Oats, 40-lb. sack	1.85
Rolled Oats, 80-lb. sack	3.50
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack	.50
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack	2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs.	.65
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.	.55
Wheat Flakes, per packet	12½@ .35
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.	.45
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.	.50
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.	1.75
Feed.	
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	35.00@45.00
Wheat, per lb.	.01½@ .02½
Oats	30.00@35.00
Crushed Oats	32.00@35.00
Eastern Washington Hay, ton	25.00@27.00
B. C. Hay (baled), per ton	18.00@20.00
Straw, per ton	16.00
Middlings, per ton	30.00
Bran, per ton	30.00
Ground feed, per ton	33.00
Shorts, per ton	32.00
Poultry.	
Ducks, per lb.	.30
Chickens, roasters	.35
Chickens, broilers	.40
Chickens, friers	.35
Fowl	.25
Fruit.	
Bananas, doz.	.30
Grapefruit, per doz.	1.00
Lemons, doz.	.45
Apples, per box	1.75@ 2.25
Vegetables.	
Cabbage, lb.	.02
Onions, 7 lbs. for	.25
Potatoes	1.25@ 1.75
Carrots	.02
Turnips	.02½
Beets	.03
Fish.	
Salmon, Red Spring, lb.	.20
Other Red Salmon	.10
Salmon, White Spring, lb.	.10
Halibut, 2 lbs.	.25
Cod	.10
Herring, lb.	.10
Finnan Haddie, lb.	.15
Bloaters, lb.	.10
Shrimps (imported), lb.	.25
Crabs, 2 for	.10, .15@ .20
Crabs (imported) lb.	.15
Salmon Bellies, lb.	.15
Flounders, lb.	.10
Soles, lb.	.15
Kippers, 2 lbs.	.25
Smelts, lb.	.15
Haddie Fillets	.20

WHOLESALE MARKET.

Bacon	.27½
Bananas	.04½
Beets, per sack	1.50
Cabbages, per lb.	.02½ .03
Cheese, September delivery	.17@ .17½
Chestnuts	.18
Hams	.22
Grapefruit, per box	5.25
Peanuts, roasted	.11
Parsley, per doz.	.40
Shrimps (alive), per lb.	.35
Lemons	7.50@ 8.75
Walnuts, per lb.	.20@ .22
Turnips, per sack	1.25
Turnips, white	1.00
Westham Island Potatoes, ton	18.00@20.00
Local Potatoes (new), per ton	20.00@22.00
Ashcroft Potatoes	25.00@26.00
Agassiz Potatoes	22.00
Local Carrots	1.00
Cauliflower, per doz.	1.75
Eggs (local)	.60
Fresh Eggs (Acme)	.38
Select Eastern Eggs	.33
Extra Select Eastern Eggs	.37
Lard	.13½@ .14½
Haddies (new), per lb.	.09
Kippers	.09
Celery (Okanagan), doz.	.90
Garlic, loose	.08
Garlic, string	.12½
Green Onions	.40
Radishes	.35
Tomatoes (local), per crate	2.50
New Apples	1.75@ 2.25
Hubbard Squash	.04
Casaba Melons, doz.	3.00
Egg Plant, per lb.	.10@ .20
Red Cabbage, lb.	.04
Globe Artichokes, per doz.	1.25
Cucumbers (imported)	1.50@ 1.75
Blueberries, per lb.	.10
Red Empress Grapes, lug boxes, lb.	.10
New Navel Oranges, per crate	4.00
New Almeria Grapes, per bbl.	7.00
New California Rhubarb, per lb.	.12
Raisins (Malaga)—	
6-lb. clusters, 22-lb. boxes	5.75
3-Crown Connoisseur clusters	2.75
3-Crown Solitos clusters	3.25
Cartons (21 lbs.)—	
3-Crown, No. 1	3.75
5-Crown, No. 4	5.00
7-Crown, No. 4	6.75
California, 20 16-oz. packets in box	2.35
Tropics, 12 2-lb. cartons	2.75
London layers, 5-lb. boxes	.60
Figs (Smyrna)—	
Glove box, 12 oz., doz.	1.10
12 in. 10-lb. boxes	.10½
2 in. 20-lb. boxes	.11½
2½ in. 40-lb. boxes	.13½
3 in. umbrella boxes	.07½
Smyrna pulled 2's	.07½
Bleena baskets, doz.	1.90
Cal., choice, 12 10-oz. pkts., per box	.75
Fancy, 10 16-oz., per box	.90
Choice, 50 6-oz., per box	1.50
Choice, 70 4-oz., per box	2.25
White Cooking (faced), 25-lb. boxes, per lb.	.06½
Black Cooking (faced), 25-lb. box, per lb.	.06½
Dates—	
Hallowi, bulk, per lb.	.06½@ .07
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LADIES' SWIMMING CLUB.

L. Fullard Leo Gave Demonstrations of Various Strokes This Morning.

L. Fullard Leo, ex-champion speed-swimmer of the world, gave a demonstration of swimming, diving, etc., this morning at the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank to the ladies' swimming class which meets there regularly on Monday mornings from 9 to 12. Mr. Leo during the morning gave a brief talk to the ladies, speaking of the purposes of the breast-stroke, the side-stroke, the crawl and the trudge-stroke. The crawl, he said, was the most difficult of all the strokes, and many pupils never succeeded in getting this because they made the mistake of keeping their little finger higher than their thumbs in taking the hands position. The easiest way to learn to swim was, he said, to get in the water and get a lesson in the positions from someone who knew. The principal thing to be remembered was to keep down well in the water, and to keep straight. The breast stroke he did not encourage the use of; the easiest stroke of all was the side-stroke. Nearly all the members of the club were present.

MOTOR CARS STOLEN.

Two are Taken by Unprincipled Persons and Used Without Permission and Carelessly.

Two reports of the theft of motor cars—as it was in law, even if the guilty parties may consider it taking a loan—were reported to the police at the week-end.

The car belonging to J. Herrick McGregor was taken from where it was standing outside the Union club. B. P. Schwenger's car was driven away from where he had left it waiting for him outside the residence of Magistrate Jay.

During the course of the night Mr. Schwenger's car was returned as secretly as it had been taken. Constable Simmons found Mr. McGregor's car on Rockland avenue, where it had apparently been left by whoever had appropriated it for a joy ride. Both cars bore traces of having been driven by persons who did not take particular care of them.

GETS THREE MONTHS.

Vagrant Suspected of Supplying Indians With Liquor Sent to Jail.

Richard Copeland, whose face is not unfamiliar in the police court, was in the dock this morning on a charge of vagrancy, to which he pleaded that he worked whenever he could get anything to do. He is a longshoreman, he told the court.

Constable Verney, who arrested him on Government street at 4.30 a. m. yesterday, said that for the past few months he has been hanging about saloons and was frequently in the company of Indians, whom he was suspected of supplying with liquor. His usual sleeping-place was in an old boat under the wharf at the Canadian-Puget Sound mill.

Detective Macdonald had an equally bad report to make of him, and Copeland's own story did not improve the situation. He was sent to jail for three months.

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The reason for this reduction is that the dams at Sooke lake and Humpback are practically finished, and only a few men are needed at these points to close up the work, so the attention of the gangs will be concentrated on the trestles and the track-laying, of which a considerable number of miles has already been laid.

The inevitable result of the gradual expenditure of the previous loan is that funds have to be found to conclude the present work, and so the city council will be asked to-night to sanction a loan for $100,000 to be issued against the sale of the debenture stock to complete present undertakings. A large number of men will again be thrown out of employment with the necessary closing down of a considerable portion of the works, unless arrangements are made in connection with the starting up by the city of other portions of the undertaking.

The main contract open to start is the steel pressure line, and negotiations are now pending between the water commissioner and the receiver for the Westholme lumber company, seeking to acquire the plant at Thetis cove. The Macdonald-Godson company made an offer when there was some prospect of that company securing the work, but it was not accepted by the receiver. There will be no difficulty in starting the contract, or securing skilled rivetters, if it is possible to make the necessary financial arrangements to have the money available as the contract progresses.

The Pacific lock joint company's proposal comes before the finance committee to-day, and if the arrangements are satisfactorily concluded then the work under this contract can commence shortly. It is believed that the management of the company intends to prosecute the work to completion at an early date, having made a pledge as to date when the tender was accepted.

After much discussion and assurances that a money by-law for Leech river watershed purchase would not be necessary in January, and that an enabling measure would be all that is required, the city council will be asked to pass a money by-law for the sum of $432,790 for the actual purchase, together with the balance of a loan of $500,000 for the surveys, and the discount on the loan.

The passage of an enabling by-law in January, the citizens were told, would render unnecessary a further loan till 1915, giving time for the presentation of the actual money by-law at the annual election of that year. Now it is stated that if the city passed a referendum, the mayor thereby entered into a contract, and the actual by-law was beaten in 1915, the council would be obligated to meet the liability as it came due.

Therefore the city solicitor and comptroller were engaged this morning in drafting a money by-law which will be presented to the city council for endorsation to-night. There, however, will be a determined effort made by several members of the council to reconsider the matter so that the subject will not reach the ratepayers at all at the present time.

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Despite the gale which blew last night, there are no indications to show that there will be any change from the present fine weather for Christmas day. The storm, which came up last night, blew from the Pacific with considerable violence for about two hours, and was general all along the coast, Triangle island reporting a velocity of 48 miles, Cape Flattery 56 miles. The temperature in the interior of the province yesterday went down considerably in places. At Barkerville 4 degrees below zero was reported. In Vancouver there were 4 degrees of frost; Victoria's lowest register was 2 degrees above freezing. A light precipitation of sleet was reported from the lower mainland. On the prairies the lowest temperature reported for yesterday was at Minnedosa, which had 8 degrees below zero, the shortest day of the year bringing with it greater cold than previously this winter at that point.

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